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# British divers sell their soles

### It's a rainy night in Georgia for fun seekers

John Duncan in Atlanta

state of British sport, which has endured its worst Olympic Games for 20 years, was exposed again last night when two divers said they had been forced to sell their official issue Olympic kit to raise money for a night out.

Robert Morgan, who has won 30 British national diving titles and is competing in his fourth Olympics.

ing in his fourth Olympics, and his team-mate Tony Ali packed their official bag full of their official kit, headed for Peachtree Street and grudgingly touted their gear for sale to the highest bidders, mostly Americans.

"We are desperate for money," said Morgan, out-side Macy's department store. "We haven't got any sponsorship so what are we supposed to do? We are selling this stuff in order to have a night out because we simply don't have any cash."

The pair were selling their official T-shirts for \$30 (£19) and the official maroon sweat-shirt for \$150. "The sweat-shirts are

rarer," Morgan said.

Morgan, who lives in
Sheffield and trains fulltime, receives an "elite performer" grant of £15,000
from the Sports Council annually. In a long career, he finished fifth in Barcelona and was 13th in Atlanta.

His colleague Ali, also full-time diver, receives th dole. Neither has the per-sonal sponsorships and endorsements that put some British athletes in the millionaire class. Martin Brewer, a senior

British executive with Adidas, which provided the kit,



South African gold . . . while British competitors took their sales pitches to the streets of Atlanta, Josia Thugwane found gold there in the men's marathon, so becoming the first black to win the top medal for South Africa PHOTOGRAPH DOUG MALS

ass, which provided the kit, said: "It's terrible that athletes like these should have replacement kit in our basement then they can their country and then they can't even afford few bob for a night out then with security yesterday cast."

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robbery as a motive.

# Millions on offer in rush to seal deal before election

# **Treasury** sweetens **DSS** sale

HE Treasury is preparing to offer hundreds of mil lions of pounds to encourage prop-erty developers to conclude a £4 billion deal to buy the nation's social security offices before the general

Confidential letters, passes to the Guardian, reveal that the Treasury has raised the question of handing over some of the Department of Social Security's estate as a "gift" to firms in return for companies spending millions of pounds on improvements.
One plan to hand over the whole estate for just £1 — raised at a confidential meet-ing with NatWest Markets, the financing arm of the bank
— has been ruled out as
"politically unacceptable". But the documents obtained by Derek Foster, Labour's shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, show that the Treasury is keen to

buy the offices, with the min-istry participating in later property self-offs.

The letters reveal that the Treasury has demanded a review of benefit office space and locations, with a view to

consider other options involv-

rationalising provision.

The disclosure follows the passing of the DSS deadline for bids for the offices on Friday. The ministry is not dis-

though John Beckwith, of Beckwith Property Fund Management — whose role as chairman of the Premier Club, where members pay £100,000 to dine twice a year with John Major, was reported in the Guardian last receipts need not take place week — has decided this in all circumstances. The dismonth not to go ahead.

The Treasury proposals, revealed in letters circulating around Whitehall and sent to ground of growing concern about the effectiveness of the Government's Private Finance Initiative, which encourages the private sector to take on the risk of government business.

A number of schemes, from privately financed roads to the Channel high speed rail link and private prisons, are under investigation by the closing how many of the 24 National Audit Office.

Auditors are looking at whether any deals involve the cheap sale of public assets. Ministers are concerned that the sale of the benefits office could slip beyond the next general election because of the complexity of sorting out all the title deeds and valuing the property. The present schedule already means that the exchange of contracts cannot be com-pleted until September 1997, although the timescale allows ministers to complete a deal

before the election, committing the next government to handing over the property. Labour is not committing itself to the deal. Mr Foster said: "We cannot commit our selves in advance of an election. We are anyway opposed to any sale of property that would involve offering private companies valuable assets at knock-down prices." The Treasury letter to the DSS makes it clear that in the posal of an asset may not come in the form of up front

receipts. The receipts may flow later or, more generally, form of lower future service charges or rentals." It goes on: "In some circum stances it may be justifiable to dispose of assets at less than the market value . . . but Treasury approval will be required in these cases. The shortfall in value will need to

be accounted for as a gift and Parliament informed. All the meetings with pros-Turn to page 3, column 1

# EU decision to pull out of Mostar 'No new issue' in dashes hope for peace in Bosnia abortion of twin

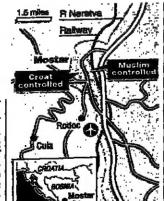
Two-year mission ends in failure as Croats reject power-sharing

Julian Borger in Mostar

UROPEAN Union officials were preparing Mostar and abort an unsuccessful two-year attempt to heal the town's bitter ethnic divide, after Croat nationalists rejected a power-sharing compromise, dealing a wounding blow to hopes of a lasting peace in Bosnia.

Hectic diplomatic efforts were under way yesterday evening to salvage the fragile truce between Mostar's Croat and Muslim communities, Sir Martin Garrod, head of the Ell mission in the town, insisted "our doors are always open" to a last-minute deal, hefore EU member states make a final decision on its future role this morning.
But when the EU deadline

passed at midnight on Saturday without agreement on Mostar's future, the EU city administration's mandate formally ended, and its winding imperils the brittle Muslim-



down operation began. Sir Martin ceased to wield executive powers, and said only a handful of officials would remain behind to "pay the bills and switch off the

The refusal of the Mostar Croat nationalists to accept the results of the June local elections — in which a Mus-lim-led coalition won a majority - and their boycott of the new city council, represent a defiant rebuff to European

and US pressure. The failure to create new

1994, and jeopardises success of nationwide elections in September, for which the Mostar poll was seen as a

"If you accept such a thing in Mostar, you can forget elec-tions in September," said Dragan Gasic, the EU spokes-Michael Portillo, the De-

fence Minister, condemned the Croats in Mostar and called for intensified pressure and possibly sanctions.
Sir Martin, exhausted and angry after a six-hour negotiating bout on Saturday night, accused Croat extremist "thugs and criminals" of blocking Mostar's reunifica-tion by intimidation and

Mate Granic, the Croatian foreign minister, telephoned Sir Martin yesterday offering to intercede once more on behalf of President Franjo Tudjman to bring the Mostar Croats into line. The US gov-ernment, reportedly furious that a meeting in Washington on Friday between President Clipton and President Tridi-Clinton and President Tudi-man failed to break the dead-

lock, was also applying

pressure. The weekend fiasco casts doubt on the extent of Mr Tudiman's control over Bos-

Croat federation formed in | nian Croat extremists in his Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) party. Mostar Croat leaders ap-

peared yesterday evening, apparently armed with fresh proposals, at the Hotel Ero, a glamorous marble-floored building which has served as the EU headquarters for the past two years. Mr Gasic refused to say whether the new proposals were accept-able, but suggested there

might be room for negotiation. The Irish EU presidency is expected to formally approve the winding down operation this morning. Police powers will pass from a 90-strong Western European Union (WEU) force to the joint Croat-Muslim force the Europeans have painstakingly tried to foster. But a WEU official predicted that, without supervision, the joint force "would go on for a day or two and then there would be some incident and it would

collapse". Nervous Mostar residents 100 are completed a year.

pent much of the weekend It is believed that the curspent much of the weekend monitoring media reports on the negotiations. Some in the Muslim side of the city said they would fies if the EU withdrew.

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Alex Belies

"HE first abortion of one of a healthy pair of twins because the mother said she could not cope with both raises no new ethical issues, a leading member of the British Medical Association said last

night. Dr Vivienne Nathanson. BMA head of science and eth-ics, said that while the case was "on the edges" of normal practice it was "no different from any other abortion". Her comments followed the

revelation yesterday that an obstetrician is about to abort a twin because the 28-year-old mother, a single parent, does not have the finances to look after two babies. Doctors have been allowed

to perform such an operation -a "selective termination" since 1990 and it has been used several times when in vitrofertilisation has resulted in foetal abnormalities. About

rent case is the first time a selective termination will be performed on a non-IVF embryo where both foetuses are perfectly healthy.

Prof Phillip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's hospital in to which gynaecology has got London, was making no com- so callous

ment yesterday about his patient. However, a Sunday newspaper reported that her reasons were that she already had a child and was in strait-

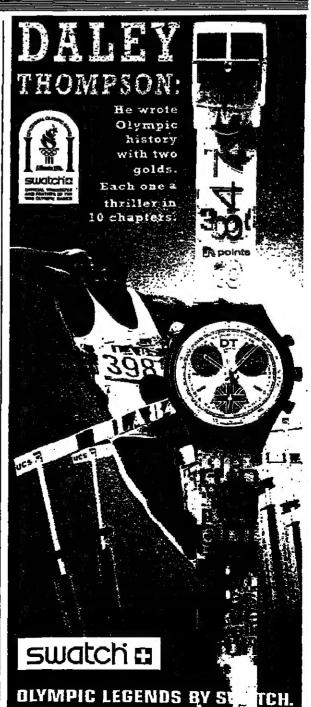
Prof Bennett told the paper Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical. But my col-leagues and I concluded this terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one alive than to lose two babies."

ened circumstances.

Dr Nathanson said the abortion could be justified legally on medical grounds be-cause multiple births did carry more risks, or on social grounds if the woman could not cope with twins.

She said the arbitrariness of deciding which twin to kill may make people uneasy. But she added: "I don't think there's any difference between performing an abortion to leave no foetus and reducing a twin to a singleton. It's exactly the same as any other abortion at 16 weeks.

Anti-abortion groups said the case brought the issue into sharp focus. Jack Scarisbrick of Life said: "Selective terminations are entirely lawful. What is interesting is that people are still shocked. People don't realise the extent



# Inside

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# It's freaky, it's sexy, so get the clogs going

Down on the south coast, the world's biggest folk festival is in progress, complete with a retinue of somewhat elderly groupies and classes in Cajun litterbugging



**Matthew Engel** 

given credit for the line that you thing once except incest and folk dancing. The taboos are breaking down now and you can get incest on Brookside. You will still struggle to see folk dancing on telly. It is, however, available all this week in Devon.

This is the 42nd Sidmouth International Festival of Folk Art, said to be the world's higgest folk festival. Between now and Friday it is possible to attend workshops in, to take a tiny sample, Tibetan line dancing, Highland danc-ing, Welsh, French, Egyptian, enco, at least four different types of Morris, and American folk clogging.
According to the pro-

gramme, Britain has experi enced "an explosion of inter-est" in Appalachian precision clogging in the past few years. This is a cultural phenomenon that may have passed you by. But in case you were about to snigger, consider the Cajun jitterbug workshop. At least 250 people were there on Sat-urday, almost all of whom got on to the floor and were mastering the art of tiptoeing on one foot while simultaneously hugging their hips and cross ing their hands. "It's a very sexy dance, lots of eye contact," we were instructed, at which point I felt obliged to honour journalistic ethics by making an excuse and leaving.
This obscure stuff was the

original basis of the Sidmouth Festival; the big-name vocal and instrumental acts in the main venues came later. And every year it gets bigger. Sixty thousand people are expected

Yet folk, on the face of it, remains relentlessly unfash-ionable, as it has been since the great revival petered out in the early 70s. Groups like Oasis betray their folk influ ences in their music and their lyrics, yet grown men find it hard to confess they ever like any of this stuff. In some circles, incest is comparatively



Poland's Politek folk song and dance group in performance at the Sidmonth festival at the weekend lphacrosslphaPrlpha

mini-boom, brought on by the sudden burst of interest in world music, and the arrival

are now happily fusing tradi-tional English and Celtic song seafront the old people who sit merge with the folkies for the with all kinds of other forms.

possible to tell who belongs to which group unless they actu-ally get out their fiddles or start doing shantles.

right was the American singer-songwriter Loudon Wainwright III, who has been taking us through life's little mysteries for what seems like for ever. "We've been through and Loudon, I'll have you know," one woman told her daughter after the show.

During the quiet moments Wainwright had to compete with the sounds from the tent next door. "Is that Morris dancing?" he asked. "Man, that is some freaky stuff you do over here. Woo! Those outfits! In America you'd get beaten un." Actually, for once, it wasn't

Morris. Shetland reels were being taught to a crowd far older than Loudon's lot, so el-derly it could have come straight out of the White Heather Club. But further up the hill a newer generation was having a wild time to what is technically known as "bouncy psychedelic roots fu-sion", i.e. basically jumping-up-and-down music with just the odd Swarbrickian violin

riff cutting through the noise to prove this is actually in some way folk. Still, it does all mean there really is something for every one. There was even a hint of the Olympics: an opening cermy at which dance groups

from the most exotic places

nia. Portugal, Quebec, and Newrastle upon Tyne—saw their national flags unfurled alongside that of East Devon

There were some uninten tional Olympic touches: growing commercialism - the view was partially blocked by a sign saying "Fresh Do'nuts" — and international rivalry, A Portuguese guitarist next to me got rather upset about the way his group were quickly shered out while the Slerra Leone dancers were allowed to steal the show. But these were tiny blem-

ishes. The festival president, Canon David Slater, told the crowd: 'We live in a world of rruption and violence. But look at the person next to you and you will see someone whose intentions are kindly and who wants peace." And he was almost certainly right. This is perhaps the biggest gathering in Britain at which one could toss a wallet on the ground and feel wholly confiient that it would find its way

The low-lat nutty tofu burgers were okay; the music ranged from the pleasant to the sensational; the atmosphere everywhere was abso Jutely terrific; and Sidmouth must be the least ruined seaside town on the South Coast. Another year I will learn Ca-

### Review

### Nice opera, shame about the production

Andrew Clements

\*HIS is the sixth summer season in the nicely proportioned theatre at Broomhill, part of the conference centre on the David Salomon estate near Tunbridge Wells. Kent, and each year the mixture of operas, old and ew, has been varied. This time the emphasis is on reper tory pieces — there are fully staged productions of Handel's Rodelinda, Britten's The Turn Of The Screw and Persolesi's La Serva Padrona, and a "score held" performance of And The Bridge Is Love by Kenneth Dempster.

Broomhill makes a point of casting young singers wher-ever possible, giving them valuable stage experience, with some older hands around to provide the stiffening. In Rodelinda, which opened the Broomhill festival last week the musical product of that blend is startlingly good. The experience comes from tenor Adrian Thompson, wonderfully stylish and dramatically focused in the role of the tyrannical Grimoaldo, who tries to usurp the King of Lombardy Bertarido and his Queen Rodelinda, and Eiddwen Harrhy as the king's sister Eduige, while Nicholas Kraemer's conducting, with the expert Ragian Baroque Players, is sparky and finely detailed. The rest of the line-up are

nearer the start of their careers. Sophie Daneman takes the title role, and handles Rodelinda's swiftly changing emotions with great panache, meeting the different challenges in her arias with confidence. There are also two excellent countertenors — Daniel Taylor spec tacularly virtuosic and incisive as Bertarido, Robin Blaze, less extrovert but Udolfo - and a first-class. Hargreaves, as Garibaldo, the

All will have gained a great deal musically, but what they will have learnt about pre-senting Handel on stage is an-other matter. The production is Jonathan Miller's, the set all-purpose, dirty-white flats
— Claudia Meyer's. With a few more chairs strewn about, the distressed design could hap-pily have accommodated a David Alden production of Handel, but Miller's approach

lacks his insight and potency. Unlike Alden, or for that matter Peter Sellars, Miller ap-pears not to believe that Han-del's stage works contain as much dramatic intensity and delineation of character as any.
opera by Mozart or Verdi.
Here interaction between the
protagonists is minimal, and
what the music is expressing is
made to executive interaction. made to seem incidental. Th result is little more than a concert performance until the last half hour, when Miller starts to trick out the action with a few gags, and turns what should be a touching, serious ending into a tongue-in-cheek piece of flummery. Singers this good, and an opera this good, deserve

# Unholy trinity offers food for thought Rail sell-off advice



Leoni's Quo Vadis in London's Soho, which is destined for makeover into a mega-restaurant

blue plaque on the wall re-

The imminent transfor

trend for presenting eating out as theatrical entertain-

ment. With ever higher rents, a fast turnover of cli-ents is necessary to recoup

the heavy outlay for glitzy

Damien Hirst, the Turner

Prize winner best known

cords his residency.

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Marx is on the menu as Hirst and White of this glass tanks containing dead cows and sheep ioin forces for latest entry in the mega-suspended in formal dejoin forces for latest entry in the megaeaterie stakes, writes Owen Bowcott

HE fashion for celebing palaces for the well-heeled masses is about to enrol one of the oddest trinities ever assembled to promote dining out.

The erstwhile political theorist Karl Marx, the bad-tempered chef Marco Pierre White, and the form-aldehyde-obsessed artist Damien Hirst may shortly be lending their names to the makeover of a central London esterie.

Such an odd assortment of characters may not im-mediately tempt haute culsine tastebuds, but the publicity agents retained to relaunch Leoni's Quo Vadis in Soho's Dean Street are optimistic about the recipe. With room for as many as 400 customers, the new venture follows in the welltrodden path of successes such as Quaglino's and Mezzo, both of which cater for several hundred guests at a time. Leoni's Quo Vadis, with

its peeling, olive green ex-terior, tricolour flags and

hyde, will be responsible for selecting the furniture and colour schem cloths, was the first Italian restaurant in Soho when it

One source said that the dining rooms would be a gallery to display his works and that he could be on 10 opened its doors in 1926. The building also occupies per cent of the restaurant's takings. Several reports have sugthe site of Marx's home he tween 1851 and 1856. A

gested that pickled sharks and stuffed bears might fea-ture in his designs. Deceased herbivores, mation of the restaurant appears to conform to the too easily associated in the public mind with BSE scares, will, it is hinted, be absent from any glass cases

that may be on view. For Marco Pierre White the collaboration is the latest in a rapid expansion which has seen him take over several central London restaurants in recent



starched, traditional table Comrades in cuisine . . . White, Hirst and Marx

- the Hyde Park the Criterion, the Hotel. Mirabelle, and Les Saveurs

in Mayfair. Such aggrandisement ight threaten a lesser chef with indigestion. Karl Marx's posthumous

endorsement for the project has been problematical. The publicity agent, Mat-thew Freud, could not be contacted yesterday, but it is understood that at one stage the restaurant was due to be renamed Marx. Another suggestion was to attach his name to a vodka

har in the new complex.

The few remaining fam-ily-owned Italian restaurants in Dean Street be-mouned the passing of an era. At Il Siciliano, the proprietor, Germano Marcato, was gloomy. "It's a shame to see a cosy place like that go," he observed. "These large, new restaurants are

serving dinners like a fac-tory. It's becoming industrialised." Nearby La Tavernetta was open but almost empty. My rent and rates are £100,000 a year," explained the manager, Giovanni Lal. "All the film companies have moved out of Scho here. People don't want to eat three-course meals any

# fees 'cost £450m'

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

last night dragged back into the politically damaging row over privatisation excesses and "fat cat pay" following revelations that City and legal advice on the rail self-off programme has cost the taxpayer more than 2450 million. News of the huge fees col-lected by advisers to the Govnt, British Rail and Railtrack comes after last week's revelations that direcrs of the recently privatised train leasing company, Porterbrook, are to pocket a windfall of nearly £80 million on the sale of the company to

tagecoach. Labour — keen to put the Government under pressure on an issue which has proved a persistant political liability for the Conservatives immediately demanded that John Major and his ministers denounce the latest example of privatisation largesse. Glenda Jackson, the party's

transport spokeswoman, has written to the Prime Minister calling for an immediate while Railtrack, the company clamp down on the newly pri- which controls the national calling for an immediate

sure that the excesses of gas, water and electricity privatisation were not repeate

She warned last night that a refusal to condemn the latest examples of privatisation excess would provoke a "long hot summer" for Mr Major and his cabinet colleagues. "British taxpayers are sick and tired of people being made instant millionaires at

their expense. John Major should stop stroking the fat cats and start condemning them," she said. News that City bankers, lawyers and accountants

working on rail privatisation Sandy Anderson, with a perhave earned such huge fees were revealed in a written reply to Labour MP Gwyneth port Minister, John Watts. It shows that since 1992/93 British Rail has paid £278 million for legal, financial and accounting advice to prepare the industry for what is seen as one of the most complex

The Department of Trans-ort, the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising and the Office of Rail Regulator paid out a further 297 million,

vatised rail industry to en- | bufrastructure of truck and signalling, spent another £78 million on advice.

The total spending of £453 million was condemned by Mrs Dunwoody, MP for Crewe and Nantwich, as "yet another Tory scandal" and a waste of money which could have been used to modernise the network.

The proposed £475 million sale of Porterbrook to South West Trains, owned by the Stagecoach, comes just over seven months after the leasing company was bought by leave its managing director, sonal profit of £39 million However, the deal could ver fall foul of the competition

A spokesman for the Department of Transport last night said that rewards earned by Mr Anderson and his colleagues were a matter for the company. He also said that the profes-

sional fees paid out by the Government during the rail sell-off were balanced by the benefits of the privatisation programme.

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### Benefit fraud hotline 'a gimmick' series of economies to cut | uty Prime Minister, which is | that action against fraud David Hencle down on the soaring social

ABOUR last night denounced a new hotline to be launched today by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, urging the general public to sneak on benefit cheats, as "a gim-mick" to crack down on

Henry McLeish, the party's social security spokesman, who said he backed tougher measures to curb benefit fraud, called instead for a much bigger crackdown on private landlords who make millions by defrauding hous-

ing benefit.
The Government's initiative comes only weeks after ministers axed a £3.5 million a year benefit helpline, to sid as he has received a detailed laimants who were finding report from a cabinet commitdifficulty filling in forms to tee on frauds. set up by claim benefit, as part of a Michael Heseltine, the Dep-

ecurity bill. The new line — backed by an advertising slogan "Know

of a benefit rip-off? Give us a telephone tip off" — will in the words of Oliver Heald, the the words of Uliver Heald, the jumior social security minister, "pay for itself" — and could make a profit if the response equals that found in the first five pilot areas. More than 13,000 calls were

More than 13,000 calls were received in the five areas where the phoneline was tested — Thameside. Tunbridge Wells, Hull, Blackburn and Burnley — and half of them yielded information which enabled social security staff to question suspect

expected to lead to further tightening of regulations sur-rounding overseas claimants. Officials, including Alan Kemp, Mr Heseltine's special adviser, who sits on the committee, are thought still to believe that Mr Lilley has inder-estimated the scale of

Mr Lilley is also under fire from the all-party Commons Social Security Committee, chaired by Labour MP Frank Field, a former director of the Child Poverty Action Group, which has been critical of the ministry's success in tracking down fraudsters. The committee recently

took evidence from local authorities which suggest that there is an organised racket involving people obtaining fraudulent national insurance numbers in order to claim benefits. Today Mr Lilley will claim | helpine.

among people claiming benefits and pensions has already produced savings in excess of £1 billion last year and will say the figure could rise during the current year. Yesterday both Labour and the Liberal Democrats welcomed further measures to curb fraud, though Labour

was particularly critical tion at very high prices or de-frauding the benefit offices al-together with false claims. He added: "The launch of the phone line seems just another gimmick, coming after the closure of the benefits help-line." But he could not offer any pledges that Labour would restore the benefits

**CBI** masks

fall in pay to

curb call for

basic wage

conomics Correspondent

being kept under wraps by the

Confederation of British Indus-try for fear it will fuel demands

for a minimum wage. With the employer's organi-

sation anxious about Labour's plans for a floor under wages, senior CBI fig-ures have blocked the publication of internal data showing that some of Britain's most vulnerable workers have suffered pay cuts over

Worsening conditions in

cleaning, hotels and catering pushed up the number of

people earning less than £2.40

the past two years

ESEARCH showing Britain's lowest-paid workers sliding workers slidin deeper into poverty

an hour by more than 20 per cent between 1994 and 1995, the CBI research shows. In many areas, pay packets dropped significantly. Some CBI staff argued privately that the data should be made public, to demonstrate He said the numbers could the higher cost and conse-quent additional job losses which could be associated be used on either side of the with minimum wages - and

reinforce the CBI's long-held opposition to state interven-tion in the labour market. But senior staff are con-cerned that publishing the research could backfire, by provoking more concern about the problem of low pay. The research has been seen by Adair Turner, the CBI di-

rector general. One CBI source said: "At first it was thought we could make a big song and dance about how many people would be laid off. But then we thought the opposite effect might be achieved. Basically, the politics were too scary

Lobby groups attacked the CBI for withholding research which could shape policies to help the low paid. Bharti Patel, deputy director of the Low Pay Unit, said: "Suppressing information is not exactly helpful to a serious less we admit the scale of the problem we can hardly start addressing it. Whatever figures the CBI has should be made available. Certainly we have never hidden any of our data, whether or not it sup-

John Cridland, the CBI's head of employment policy, been carried out, but said it was being kept quiet until the causes of the deterioration had been identified. "Our numbers are based on

official New Earnings Survey figures — but with our own information added in. We have been in contact with the have been in contact with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to discover the background," he said.

The research was not the agenda of any of the CBI's policy committees. "We are simply not in the business of knee-jerk reactions," he said. "The view in-house was that

"The view in-house was that we should check the nun out first."

But Mr Cridland insisted the research would not alter the organisation's official line against a national minimum wage, which is endorsed by most members.
"These figures would not

cause us to re-write out argu-ment," he said. "That is now decided."

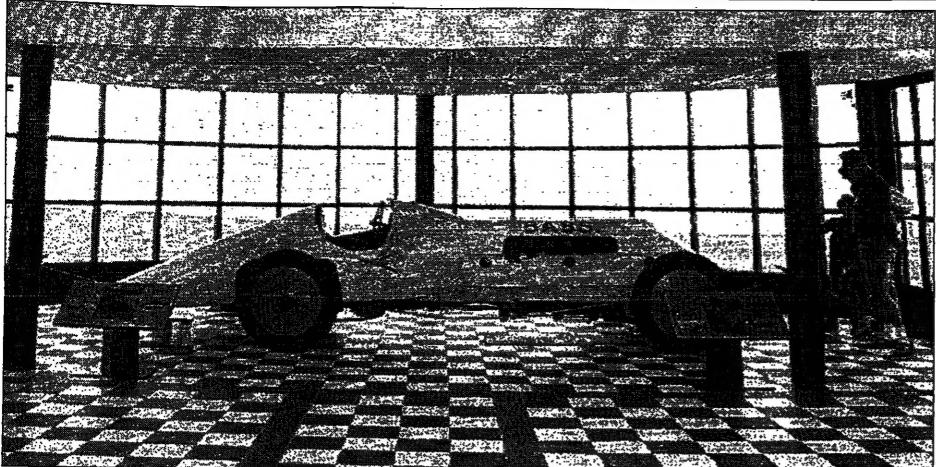
argument, with the research indicating that the cost of a minimum wage of about £4 an hour could now be about £5.5 billion each year — £1 billion up on last year's estimate. "Depending on your starting point, you can play this either way — in favour or against a minimum wage."

The CBI has asked the ONS

to investigate specific areas of concern, including catering and agriculture, which were previously covered by wages

councils, and youth wages.
The ONS has denied CBI suggestions that the increase in the number of low-paid workers could be the result of changes in the firms sampled. "The pattern described by the CBI looks like a real change in the labour market to us," an ONS official said. "But we are still looking at it."

The CBI is concerned that while people in continuous employment are seeing their pay rising at least in line with inflation, starting rates in certain areas are collapsing. This could be fuelling job insecurity, CBI officials believe. because workers know that if they are made redundant the chances of finding a job with equivalent pay levels are



# I hey buried fast Babs, but now she's back

Car that 70 years ago set a world record then killed her owner has gained a place in the hall of fame. John Ezard reports

it "the greatest come-back since Lazarus". Babs, the racer which broke the world land speed record 70 years ago, s on show again. She has been dug out of

the funeral pit where she was buried on a Welsh beach after virtually decapitating ber owner. After 16 years work, she her old mean, extravagant

glory, and given pride of Speed overlooking the Sir Henry Segrave and Mal-beach at Pendine Sands. Carmarthenshire. This was where John Godfrey Parry Thomas, one of Britain's most popular

and successful car racers,

set a new record of 171.02mph in her in April. Parry Thomas — pushing the one-tonne vehicle to her limits and using aviation fuel — died in her a year later when she crashed in a new record attempt. Col-leagues were so horrified

the car in

ANS of fast cars call | the sands of the six-mile

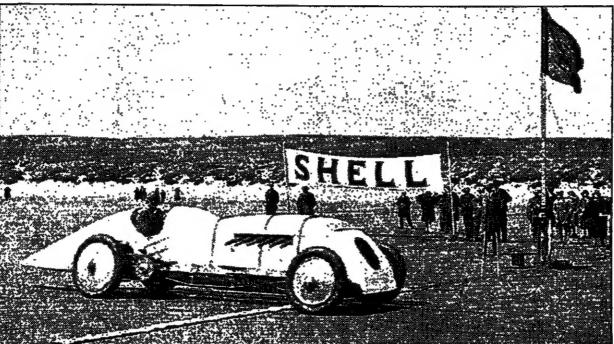
Pendine Sands was regarded as one Britain's best race spots in the 1920s because of its flat, hard surface

Parry Thomas, son of a vicar, had been chief engineer at Leyland Motors. He designed the Leyland Eight, a failed but still cherished rival to the Rolls Royce. Only 16 models were produced.

His speed record rivals were the better-financed Special which he bought for

only £150, adding new car-burettors, a long, distinctive tail and 12 exhausts. The car, named after a friend's daughter, misfired and weaved alarmingly when setting the record. In February 1927, Campbell

raised it to 174mph. The following month Parry Thomas, recovering from flu and without safety harness, clocked 174mph on preliminary runs.



Parry Thomas and Babs cross the finish line after breaking the land speed record at Pendine Sands in April 1926

run, Babs went out of con-trol and turned over on

He was buried near

On his mandatory second | Hampshire, where he had a | scene of triumph and disas- | said yesterday: "It is amaz cottage.

Owen Wyn Owen, engineer and car enthusiast, dug up the vehicle, restored

ter. It has a V12 Liberty aeroplane engine and aluminium body. Chris Delaney, Carmar-

ing how many people are fascinated by Babs and the "Apparently, she can still

# US firms make a bomb as TV gardener Hamilton terror pays dividends

Ian Katz and Mark Tran report on the latest growth industry and an unwitting beneficiary of recent disasters in the US

NTHONY Barringer got rich last week. He didn't win the lottery or strike oil. He was the unwitting beneficiary of terror.

During the 1980s, the Britishburg inventor devalored a life of the life of

ish-born inventor developed a machine that "sniffs" out latest events, he said explosives. He retired from apologetically.

But he believes incidents nologies, in 1992 but hung on such as the Atlanta bombing to a slice of its stock.

Last week, amid the panic generated by the assumed explosion on TWA flight 800 and the Atlanta bombing on July 27, stocks soared in companies producing security equipment. The value of Dr Barringer's

55,000 shares shot briefly to he said. more than \$750,000 (£500,000) last Monday, before the com-pany's stock price settled at around \$8, more than 400 per cent up on its recent level.

the TWA disaster, then drop-

is a "fortuitous" result of the

will wake up Americans to the threat of terrorism. "The thing about Europe is that there is percentage wise much more terrorism. Here it wasn't such a big problem, but the whole ball game's changed following Oklahoma City and these latest events,"

John Wood, president of Thermedics, a Massachusetts company that makes bomb detection equipment, agreed. The stocks of invision, another such company based in California, rose to more than \$30 from around \$11 before the TWA director than days. the counter-terrorism busi-

Treasury seeks to sweeten DSS office sale

geology at London's-Imperial College. In 1954 he moved to Canada to work for a mineral prospecting firm but he quickly tired of hunting for ore deposits on foot.

By the mid-1960s Dr Barringer was developing a device that would help find mineral deposits by detecting mercury vapour. The Penta-gon gave him a grant to adapt it to monitor undergound

nuclear tests.
In the 1970s he was commissioned by the South African mining magnate Henry Oppenheimer to convert his sniffing equipment into an serial prospecting system.
But although it worked fine
in South Africa, he could not
get it to work in Canada
where Mr Oppenheimer wanted to use it.

wanted to use it.

So Dr Barringer was delighted when, in the early 1980s, the Canadian government offered him \$1 million to adapt his machines to smiff out explosives and drugs.

Barringer machines are now used in all five big British airports and by law en-

ish airports and by law enforcement agencies in Europe and the United States.

Even if he wanted to realise his unexpected profit, Dr Barri: ger will have to wait a while. He has spent days searching his home, but cannot find his share cartificates. ping to about \$20. Invision ness. As a young man he planned to follow his father into mineral exploration in technology similar to medical | Canada, studying for a PhD in | Canada share certificates.

# dies durina cycle run

John Ezard

GEOFF Hamilton, cher-ished as a solid, earth-under-the-fingernails gardener by millions of television viewers, died yesterday while taking part in a sport he loved. Mr Hamilton, aged 59, pre-

Mr Hamilton, aged 59, pre-senter of BBC2's Gardeners' World, fell from his bike dur-ing a charity cycle run near Merthyr Tydfil. A nurse tried unsuccessfully to revive him. He had had a heart attack last year. He listed cycling, with music, as one of his chief hobbies and said a main aim in his life was "wherever possible to avoid using a car". His 17-year spell on Gar-deners' World was praised by one critic as "magnificent"

for the gimmick-free direct-ness of his presentation. A robust, outdoor figure, he attracted admirers to his 5½ acres at Barnsdale, Rutland, even though it was not open to the public.

Mr Hamilton went to Writthe agricultural college, Essex, but learned his gardening in the Lea Valley nursery belt of Hertfordshire, where his fam-ily moved when he was two. In 1970, working as a selfemployed nurseryman, he met the editor of Garden News. This led to a column and the editor's chair at Prac-

He lived at Barnsdale with his second wife Lynda. He had three sons by his first marriage. Asked once what he would like for his epitaph, continued from page 1
pective buyers included discussions with the management consultants Deloitte and Touche, acting for Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, on whether firms would be interested in paying "little or no up front capital sum" for the offices.

Natwest Markets, which is also advising on the sale of also advising on the sale of also advising on the sale of active management will be involved." he said: "A little sign that says Cercidiphyllum Japon-ica, which is the name of the tree I want planted over me."

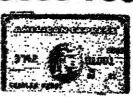
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Health and farm officials summoned to Bonn amid calls for UK sheep culls and doubts on milk safety

# Germany fuels BSE crisis

ian Traynor in Bonn and Paul Brown

HE German governemergency meeting officials in Bonn today, amid demands for bigger culls of British livestock because of mad cow disease and criticism of British policy on the beef crisis.

Jochen Borchert, German agriculture minister, called for the risk to humans from BSE to be reassessed, and said Britain's scheme to slaughter infected herds did not go far enough to eradicate

Other German officials, maintaining their hardline reputation on the beef crisis, urged that British calves, sheep and lambs be included

Amid reports that German | and Stephen Dealler said — scientists do not exclude the live years before the Governpossibility that milk could be vulnerable to BSE infection. Mr Borchert told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper yesterday that Britain would have to "face the consequences" of

"face the consequences" of the new evidence.

But the Ministry of Agricul-ture said yesterday that trials to see if calves could get the disease from the milk of in-fected cows had proved nega-tive. It had no plans to con-duct any more duct any more.

Three microbiologists who have criticised the Govern-ment's handling of the BSE crisis remained adamant yesterday that the ministry was still being too complacent. David Lacey, of Leeds university, believes that transmission from cow to cow, perhaps through contamination of land and grass, is possible.

five years before the Govern-ment accepted the argument — that BSE was being trans-mitted from cow to calf. They is possible.
Despite one of the most in

tensive research efforts of modern times, no infective agent of BSE has been identi-fied in milk or in any tissue except nerve tissue. If milk did become suspect it would turn a crisis into a catastro-phe. The dairy industry would suffer the same sales loss as beef, and the Common Agricultural Policy would be

thrown into chaos.

Klaudia Martini, environ-ment minister of the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz, called for British dairy prod-ucts to be subject to the EU's export ban on British beef. Last month Bonn extended the import ban on British cat-

i tle byproducts such as gelatine, tallow, and bull semen, despite the European Commission's decision to relax it. German officials are calling for tougher and more extensive bans to be imposed.

Ms Martini also argued that British sheep and lambs should be tested and their ex-port proscribed until it was certain that there was no risk of infection from them. Hans Wiesen, agriculture minister of the state of Schles-

wig-Holstein, said the export

ban on British beef should be widened and the calves of infected cows slaughtered. In the past month, German officials and the media have been incensed by reports al-leging that Brussels covered up evidence of the impact of mad cow disease on humans in the early 1990s, and by

reports from the German am-

dor in Italy that Britain

German border and customs authorities were ordered to step up their moni-toring of the meat trade and tighten their controls.

Ms Martini joined several

of her colleagues in Germany in denouncing British policy, strategy, and propaganda on the beef crisis. "We don't know what kind of game the British are play-

ing with us. But one thing is

sure: this is how public confi-dence in the entire European Union will be destroyed." Barbara Stamm, Bavarian health minister, described British policy on providing information to its EU partners as unbearable, "Co-oper ation can't be like this. The British Government is forfeiting what remains of its cred-ibility."



Jochen Borchert ... wants

# Ulster enmity casts shadow over festival

### David Sharrock on parade disquiet

UNSHINE and a carni-Sval parade along the Falls Road kicked off Felle an Phoball in West Belfast yesterday, claiming to be Ireland's largest com-

munity festival. But even before it began, Unionists criticised the strongly nationalist slant of the festival, which receives funding from gov-ernment-aided bodies, Belfast city council, BBC Children in Need, Guinness and the Northern Ireland Tour-

ist Board. The festival programme's foreword leaves no doubts about its politics, saying that "the Irish peace process" had created an opportunity for a just and lasting peace. "We are therefore saddened and dismayed that the British govern-ment squandered and abused this opportunity." writes festival director

Kate Pickering. That was seized upon by Belfast Unionist councillors, who threatened to withdraw funding in future. An Ulster Unionist councillor Jim Rodgers said the festival was in breach of the city's "nonsectarian and non-politi-

cal" guidelines. Mr Rodgers also criti-cised the festival's radio station. "They are complaining bitterly from Prot estant estates in West Belfast about the sectarian songs on that channel," he

IRA and republican pris-oners in the Maze prison are also holding a week of sporting activities and dis-

The Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams. who Cairo British agents who



## **News** in brief

### Stowaway teenager returns to Britain

A 14-year-old girl was on her way back to Britain yesterday after stowing away on a ferry to France. The mother of Clair Syddall said Brittany Ferries would have to "answer some questions" after the teenager managed to board a ferry going from Porismouth to St Malo.

from Portsmouth to St Malo.

Essex police put out an appeal after Clair, a diabetic, went missing from home on Saturday, and ports were alerted. She arrived in St Malo early yesterday, and was put on a ferry to Portsmouth, where she was met by her parents last night.

Brittany Ferries promised an investigation and said: "It is a bit of a mystery how she managed to get on board." Clair's mother, Mary Syddall, of Cressing, near Braintree. Essex, said she had received a call from Brittany Ferries in St Malo to say her daughter was in France. "As to how she got to Portsmouth or how she managed to get on the ferry without a ticket or a passport, we don't know."

passport, we don't know. Clair recently spent a holiday in the Domaine des Ormes area of Britteny and had wanted to return to visit friends there, police said.

### IRA bomb stalls lottery grant

A DECISION on whether to grant £18 million of lottery cash to refurbish a leading theatre has been put on hold, because the building was wrecked by the IRA's Manchester bomb.

The Arts Council of England today announced that its grant to the Royal Exchange Theatre would be \$3.2 million, a quarter of the the Royal Exchange Thearte would be \$2.2 km to a quantize of the level requested. But a council spokeswoman said the money—one of 66 new grams totalling more than £41 million — was intended to help keep the Exchange company going until its home was made safe and improved.

The Royal Exchange company had put in its £17 million improvement scheme before the Arts Council before the June 15

The cash aid is the fourth biggest grant announced yesterday. The biggest is £13.7 million towards an £18.6 million final phase to a project in Stratford town centre in east London, including a new performing arts centre and improvements to the Theatre Royal

The winning numbers in last week's lottery draw were 13, 17,

### Plan to test 'key skills'

TEENAGERS may have to pass separate numeracy and literacy tests to win places at universities, according to plans being drawn up by government advisers. Teem-working, communication skills and self-motivation could also be measured, they believe. By the end of the century, scores in these "key skills" and other achievements — held on a database — could be as important for students as A-level grades.

A potential revolution in measuring achievement is being ploneared by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, working with government curriculum advisers and funded by

working with government curriculum advisers and funded by the Department for Education and Employment, A model of the database, initially intended to give universities electronic access to applicants' exam results, is due to be unveiled next week.

### P is for problem cars

NEW Pregistration cars were still breaking down in droves yesterday, fourth day of the motor trade's busiest mouth. Many drivers got no further than the end of their streets as their coveted

ossessions ground to a halt.

The AA and RAC said they had been called out to almost 500 Preg cars over the weekend. Some had seized gearboxes, oil leaks, collapsed suspension and even petrol caps which would not come off, Others suffered loss of power, faulty indicators and doors that turds for bluow

An AA spokeswoman said: "Part of the trouble is owners haven't read their handbooks properly or they have been wrongly advised by the salesman. In other cases, dealers have obviously been too busy to carry out the pre-delivery inspections properly.

### Queen Mother is 96

MORE than 1,000 people turned up at Sandringham yesterday to celebrate the Queen Mother's 96th birthday. The Queen Mother, in a mint-green floral dress coat and matching hat, took a 32-

minute walkabout among cheering well-wishers.

She walked carefully with a stick but appeared to be in good health and showed no ill effects from the hip replacement she underwent last November.

### Potholer dies in Pennines

while climbing in the Yorkshire Pennines, police said. Christine Bleakley, from Irvingstown, Co Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, was climbing in Quaking Pot at Ingleborough, near Settle, on Saturday. She had been staying at Tan Pits Conservation Centre

### Conferences cancelled as flight from the North speeds up

It was soon after we rode out from the wooden corral that I knew I was falling for my giant of a Slovak. I shall not speak his name, nor shall I invent one for him: events are too recent for me

**David Sharrock** reland Corresp

HE flight from Ulster con-tinues this summer as Northern Ireland balances

and renewed conflict.
Two international events have been cancelled at the last moment because of the widespread violence sparked by last month's Drumcree Orange parade and the fear that this Saturday's Apprentice Boys' rally in Londonderry will plunge the province into deeper turmoil.

precariously between peace

Tourism chiefs are alarmed at the dramatic drop in bookings following last mouth, has now been tors was also cancelled.

Northern Ireland was basking n summer heat and solid coasefires. Even local people are holidaying abroad.

launched the festival yes-terday, takes second place

to the US ambassador to the

Irish republic Jean Kenne-

dy Smith in the pro-

The festival also previews a new play about IRA

leader Michael Collins,

titled The Classic, which claims that he was mur-

dered by British agents.

The critic of the Irish News,

which is sponsoring the event, found the "stage-

English" characters diffi-

cult to swallow with their "hoity-toity accents and

silly mannerisms".
"In a bizarre scene set in

gramme's

Organisers of the COSAC 96 - Computer Security Audit and Control - conference have moved the venue to the Irish Republic because dele gates began cancelling. Many were from mainland Britain and had visited Northern Ireland many times. But other cancellations have come from the United States, Belgium, Germany, Holland and

The event, which was due to have taken place at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast, next

across the border in County Cavan for September 10-12. Organiser David Lynas from the Belfast-based AKA Associates said: "We have inundated with calls

plotted to kill Collins are turned into child-molest-ers. Surely there is no need

to crack so many eggs into

the pudding, especially

Kate Pickering rejects the charges of sectarian-ism. "We respect other

communities within our festival. The people of west

Belfast want a lasting peace, we are doing every-thing to achieve that." The festival's single

ffort at offering the Unionist perspective comes in the form of a photographic ex-hibition called Carson's

36th (Ulster) Division.

wnen feeding converted."

from delegates who are not prepared to visit Northern Ireland. They are just not confident in their own safety and there's nothing I can say that will change their minds." there's nothing I can say that will change their minds."

He added: "The events of last month had a worse impact on the rest of the world than the previous years of ongoing violence."

Only a day earlier a construction trade fair due to attract an estimated 23,000 visitors. Was also cancelled.

Around 200 companies from across the world had planned to attend the International Building Exhibition.

John Hunter, secretary of the Ulster Society, said: "It's a drop in the ocean

the programme."
Protestants in the Shan-

kill Road resent the festi-

val's claim to represent all

Party leader David Ervine

said he would not be at-tending. "I'm not sure I'd

be welcome. It's a tragedy that this society has a West Belfast festival that is a

Catholic West Belfast festi-val. They claim to be inclu-

sive but that's not the way they've set things up. It's been heavily infiltrated by

The Progressive Unionist

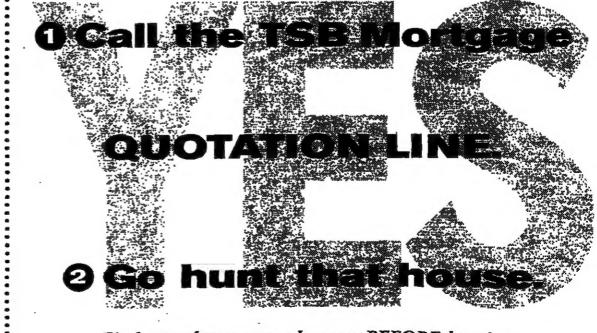
of West Belfast.

n you look at the rest of

Bill Caughey of WHC Indus-trial Promotions said: "No-body could give us any guar-antee that the events surrounding the 12th of July would not repeat themselves on August 10 so we decided not to go ahead."

Even an agricultural show at Killeter, near Castledarg in Co Tyrone, tomorrow has Co Tyrone, tomorrow been cancelled.

Trade in some shops in Castlederg has dropped 25 per cent following circulation of an anonymous letter among Protestant businessmen warning them of a boycott.



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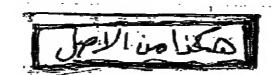
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Geoffrey Gibbs reports on well-to-do Somerset residents preparing for war over plans to build an arms factory

tranquillity.

But the residents of Coat.

When they do, they don't

Home to a mixed commu nity of farmers, professional people and senior military officers — including Brigadier Robin Searby, commander of the British Forces in Bosnia three years ago — it is the very picture of English rural

tate agents describe as "well to do" and "sought after." Properties rarely after." Properties rarely come on the market.

T IS the sort of hamlet estate agents describe as "well to do" and "sought railway cutting on their line to the east of Coat, listed to do" and "sought railway cutting on their line to the east of Coat, listed to do and "sought railway cutting on their line at every stage of the late an action plan at a meet levent of an actident would go county council decision. But a sives magazine in a disused the 400-yard long railway cutting on their line to the east of Coat, listed to do and "sought railway cutting on their line at every stage of the late an action plan at a meet upwards. Most of the time the villager said: "People are printing tee-shirts with a magazine would be empty very scared. They are scared.

Interstate Technical Products has been discreetly manarms ammunition on an intown of Martock for 13 years It turns over about £330,000 a more isolated site to expand its business, about 95 per cent of which is done with over seas police and military

Bob Lawson, the company's owner and manager, thought

the 400-yard long railway cut-ting to the east of Coat, listed on council records as a waste

tip. His application for an exlosives factory licence under the 1875 Explosives Act se-cured the assent of Somerset county council last week after the Health and Safety Executive approved.

But there will be a battle royal when he submits his lanning application to the local planning authority. "Nobody in the village will

Villagers say CS gas will be

Brigadier joins battle over hamlet magazine

Brigadier Searby said in a statement to the county council that villagers were very concerned at the risk posed by the gas in the event of an accident.

"Given the correct wind vector and a breeze of only six miles an hour, the CS gas hazard would reach dwelling houses in the village within two minutes. Surely this can-

Keep Coat Bulletproof logo. A fighting fund is being raised to employ a planning expert to contest the

application.
A £15,000 counter bid has been made to try to buy the railway cutting in the hope of strangling the scheme at

Mr Lawson, who wants to be able to store up to 41/2 site, says the buildings would be screened by grassed earth

Rifkind ready to 'tear up Birt plan'

after orders were shipped out. be disturbed by noise from an underground tunnel testing range and says the company's livelihood will be affected if it

is unable to move to the more isolated site.
"I would like to reassure heavily regulated and controlled by the Explosive Inhave approved the plans on of robberies from the site and scared that there may be an

They are also opposed to any industry near their Claire Gibson, who has

lived in Coat for two years and is expecting her first inappropriate site for the proposed magazine.

# Britain faces more EU clashes

David Henck

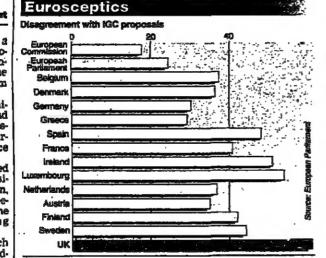
RITAIN is heading for a collision with its European partners over in-tegration, according to the European Policy Forum

The Government is in a minority of one on 35 issues, and opposes 98 out of 148 propos als put forward for the inter-Governmental Conference next July.

The details have emerged

in talks with the Irish presidency of the European Union, which show that disagree ment extends far beyond the main row over adopting single currency in 1999. Among the subjects which Britain is isolated are extending qualified majority voting

on all subjects where Britain has a veto; including the



Parliament to initiate change;

the powers of the European | grants entering the Union On nine issues Britain has Social Chapter in the a new and introducing common only one ally out of all the European Treaty; extending European borders for immi-other European members.

These include rejecting an ex ension of the European Com mission in foreign policy and giving individual member states more flexibility over interpreting European Union directives.

Altogether Britain has rejected 98 proposals. Ger-many has rejected 29, France

and Sweden 42. Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum and a Conservative MEP, said | according to ministerial yesterday: "This shows it is oot just the single currency that Britain is opposing underlining the need for a ref erendum, but also sugge that Britain may have to ne-gotiste a flexible agreement on a whole range of issues."

Britain's Relationship with the EU, by Graham Mather and Wes Himes. Available from European Policy Forum, 20, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AA. £7.50

### Andrew Culf on how Foreign Secretary is ready to save

**BBC World Service** Foreign Secretary, may tear up John Birt's heavily-criticised plans

Mr Rifkind, angered by having been kept in the dark about the changes until the day of the public announcement last month, is opposed to the merger of the World Service's English language and news programmes with

The World Service is paid for by the Foreign Office. According to Cabinet

# Save the World Service

October with Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, to block the shake-up. He is expected instead to

discuss new proposals for effi-ciency measures that would

tegrated unit.
Mr Rifkind last week told the Commons foreign affairs sources, reported by the Daily committee that the Govern-Mail, he is to use a meeting in ment was impressed by the Sam Younger, managing di-expires at the end of 2004.

serving and former World report in late September. The select committee's

attitude, and told ministers not to automatically accept

Mail, ministers feel that ripping the programme-making heart of the World Service out of its Bush House headquarters and moving it to an isolated and anonymous new centre at White City, west London, would be disastrous

Mr Rifkind ordered the setting up of a joint BBC/For-eign Office working group, to be chaired by civil servant

clamour of opposition to the rector of the World Service, to Birt changes. Protests have analyse the changes. It will come from prominent politi-cians and public figures and experts and is expected to

It is understood it was set up partly to ensure no irrereport accused Mr Birt, the versible changes were intro-BBC's director general, of duced before the October misjudgment and a cavalier showdown.

A Foreign Office spokes man said yesterday: "The working group is in the pro-According to the Daily cess of being set up. The For eign Secretary and Sir Christopher will meet in October to conclusions. There is nothing

Last month the BBC's govcentre at White City, west ernors agreed to press on London would be disastrous for its independence and also keen to push ahead with a plan to move the entire foreign language departments
— to a single site at White

City.
The lease on Bush House

# **Poetry Competition** £18,000 prize money to be won

The International Library of Poetry, an affiliate of the widely respected US National Library of Poetry, is sponsoring an International Open Amateur Poetry Competition. There will be a new contest each month and each contest will award one Grand Prize of £1,000, plus ten Second Prizes of £50 each. The closing date for entry is 31st August 1996. Another competition begins on 1st September 1996. The competition is open to all and entry

"It's always exciting to discover new talent. We have been sponsoring competitions in the United States for more than ten years now - and it's a special pleasure to be running these events in the UK," stated Howard Ely of The International Library of Poetry. "We're especially interested in receiving poems from new

### or unpublished poets."

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The Coming of Dawn, featured above, is one of the Library's recent deluxe

### hardbound anthologies.

Publication Opportunity All of the poems entered into the competition will also be considered for inclusion in one of the Library's forthcoming anthologies. Every poem remains the exclusive property of its author. Anthologies published by the organisation have included On the Threshold of a Dream, Days of Future's Past, Of Diamonds and Rust, and The

### Coming of Dawn, among others. World's Largest Poetry

Organisation was founded in 1987 to promote the work and achievements of contemporary poets - and is now recognised as the largest organisation of its kind in the world. In recent years it has awarded more than £60,000 in prize money to more than 5,000 poets worldwide. In the next twelve months

The International Library of Poetry £18,000 in prize money will be awarded in the UK alone.

# Survival hope for faithful sea

horse

Martin Wainwright N A COUPLE of undignifled plastic bags, spiny sea horses have set out for a national breeding experi-

ment which shows every sign of rescuing their fall-ing population.

Betrayed by pollution and a touching loyalty to a single mate, the spiny sea horse, one of Britain's most curious creatures, has been successfully reared in captivity in Britain for the first time — multiplying

from eight adults in June to 250-strong family. Bagged-up deliveries of the 3cm juveniles have been despatched to 15 marine centres from Oban to Newpark, in Weymouth, Dorset, who concected a plankton diet for the infant spinies. The species, Hippocompus ramulosus, had previously de-fied attempts at rearing because food provided for other types of sea horse proved fatal to its young.

of the Seahorse Aquarium in Exeter, which is co-spon-soring the scheme, said: We now need to identify existing spiny sea horse sites offshore where releasing these capitivity-bred

Neil Garrick-Maldment,



Spiny sea borse . . . captive breeding improves prospects of

were decanted into transi-tional tanks at Scar- the breeding experiment. tional tanks at Scarborough, where naturalists are hoping to repeat an influx of the species which surprised fishermen along coasts last year. Spiny sea horses appeared in fish

# bungling.

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# **Benefits agency** makes £40m pension error

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent N ERROR by the Benelic sector workers a double in-

year for up to five years.

The agency admits the mistake but is denying liability for the costs, which run into tens of millions of pounds. Pension funds are being left According to the agency, some funds are seeking to

from their pensioners. Others are merely reducing pensions to the correct level and writing off the excess paid.

A Labour MP yesterday said he was writing to Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, to demand an inquiry into what

appeared to be an "appalling cock-up". Rhodri Morgan, MP for the pension funds are going to be out of pocket, or pensioners are going to find them-selves short-changed to make up for Benefits Agency

The error has affected people who have chosen to continue receiving tax-free invalidity pensions instead of the taxable state pension between state retirement age -60 for women and 65 for men
— and the maximum invalid-

ity pension ages of 65 and 70 respectively.

sion and the guaranteed minimum pension — the amount of state earnings-related pen-sion the individual would have received had the scheme not contracted out of Serps.

error, the pension schemes have continued to uprate the entire occupational pensions of people receiving invalidity pensions which have also been uprated by the agency. An agency spokesman said procedures to avoid double uprating had been devised in the 1980s by a working party of civil servants and pension scheme officials. "Regrettably, these procedures broke person who is receiving inva-lidity pensions reaches state

the individual had "not retired" had been sent to the relevant scheme in such cases and the scheme had consequently uprated the entire occupational pension. "It is our error, but it is not our money. It is the pension

pension age."
A notification stating that

schemes who have overpaid, so they are doing different things about it," the spokes-man said. The agency says it has sent 52,000 letters about the mispensioners still receiving invalidity pensions. One esti-mate puts the total affected, including those who have al-ready passed the maximum ages for invalidity pensions, at 86,000. On the basis of these

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# Tudjman fuels Mostar's war-within-war

### Croat manoeuvring is helping to thwart the EU plan to reintegrate the city, writes lan Traynor

RESIDENT Franjo Tudjman of Croatia has a problem with free elections: he loses them. Having posts and demand a replay using gerrymandering, boylecrees and strongarm tactics to reverse the defeat. Last October his Croatian Democratic Union (CDU) lost

the local elections in Zagreb. The capital's administration has since been paralysed by Mr Tudiman's refusal to accept an opposition mayor.
In Mostar, the divided capital of Herzegovina, his local proxies have thwarted the city's functioning since the CDU lost the election orga-nised by the European Union at the end of June. The crisis could spell the end of two years of EU administration at the centre of the Croat-Mus-lim battlefield.

For three years the extremist Croats who run the bigger. western side of Mostar have deployed siege tactics, ethnic cleansing, gangsterism and terror to keep the city the capital of a separate Croatian mini-state. They have defied last year's Dayton peace ac-cords and violently attacked the EU team trying to reintegrate the city.

They now refuse to accept an election result which gives the main Muslim party 21 seats on the city council, to the CDU's 16.

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about the reluctance of the led the EU team in Mostar,
Mr Tudjman finds himself Tudjman administration to quit in March in disgust, after

hand over Dario Kordic, the former CDU leader in Mostar indicted for war crimes by the Hague tribunal. Mr Kordic has a flat in Zagreb and is regularlý seen there. In 1993, Mr Kordic spearmanoeuvring between inter-

headed the Croatian war, which drove the Muslims out mestic hardline constituency of West Mostar and subjected Muslim East Mostar to 10 On Friday in Washington, he had soothing words for President Bill Clinton on a months of shelling, pulverising the 16th-century bridge Mostar deal. But a few days that linked the city over the earlier in Split, he breathed nationalist fire in a speech to River Neretva.

ended with the establishment of the United States-brokered his party's youth wing. His moderate foreign minister, Mate Granic, has just offered to resign over Croatian separatism in Bosnia. But at a March 1994, when Lord Owen as mediator gained Mr Tudjweekend meeting in the coastal resort of Neum, Mr Granic failed to cow the Mostar firebrands.

man's assent to a two-year EU administration of Mostar. Hans Koschnick, the retired German Social Democrat mayor of Bremen who led the EU team in Mostar,

This war-within-a-war

a gruelling 20 months there. At the beginning of the year, Mr Koschnick unveiled his blueprint for reintegrating the city. The plan envisaged three Muslim and three Croat districts, and a common, inte-

grated city centre.
In February, a politically licensed Croatian lynch mob of his plan and encouraged in-

attacked Mr Koschnick and transigence in Zagreb. He his entourage, firing shots and beating his armoured car "the last straw" in persuad-

Mijo Brajkovic, the Cro-atian CDU mayor of West Mostar, spurned the plan. Last weekend in Neum, he again promised that there would be no concessions to Muslims at any cost," Mr Koschnick said.

The German administrator was then summoned to a meeting of EU foreign minis-ters in Italy which failed to then it's rather easy to get rid of the man in Mostar

Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, implicitly encouraged the Croatian na-tionalist position by agreeing in Mostar that the Koschnick plan could be renegotiated. They should find someone else to appease the Croats. I'm not going to be a stooge'

been pressed by Bonn and the EU to continue co-operating with Mr Brajkovic and the Croatian police chief. "That wasn't on, so it is better they find someone else ... I'm not going to be a stooge."

Meanwhile, signs of Mus-lim-Croat tension multiply in central Bosnia. The Croats

Brajkovic says: we just do | plained that US and German | couple of weeks ago. The Mus-not want to live together with | strategy that made Croatia | lims responded by demolishlims responded by demolishing a Croatian Catholic church in Bugojno.

The antics over a couple of blocks of flats in central Bosnia testify to the difficulty of knitting the two communities back together. A Western charity rebuilt the two blocks on the former front line at Novi Travnik on the understanding that had block

Novi Travnik on the under-standing that each block would be be shared by Muslim and Croat families.

This summer, the rebuild-ing complete, Muslim fam-ilies took one block, Croats the other. Before the charity came to inspect, there were hurried flat swaps, so the in-spectors could see smiling families living cheek-by-jow in harmony. As soon as the inspectors left, the families

### 'Chaos Days' punks battle with police in Bremen

Reuter in Bremen

JUNDREDS of anarchist punks, banned from holding their annual "Chaos Days" gathering in Hanover, went on the ram-page through Bremen in-stead. German police said.

About 200 to 300 punks showered police cars with stones and fireworks on Saturday as they drove by and tried to outwit officers by hiding and then reappearing, a police spokes man said.

Police detained youths, 27 of them briefly. It was not clear whether anyone had been injured.

A court banned the "Chaos Days" gathering from taking place in Hanover this year, after last year's rally there led to violent clashes with police, leaving hundreds injured and parts of the city look-ing like a war zone.

The festival with anarchist overtones has become an annual event over the

past 11 years. Some 6,000 police in Hanover were braced for the arrival of hordes of punks ban. They detained six men, aged between 17 and 23, found carrying baseball bats, wooden batons and

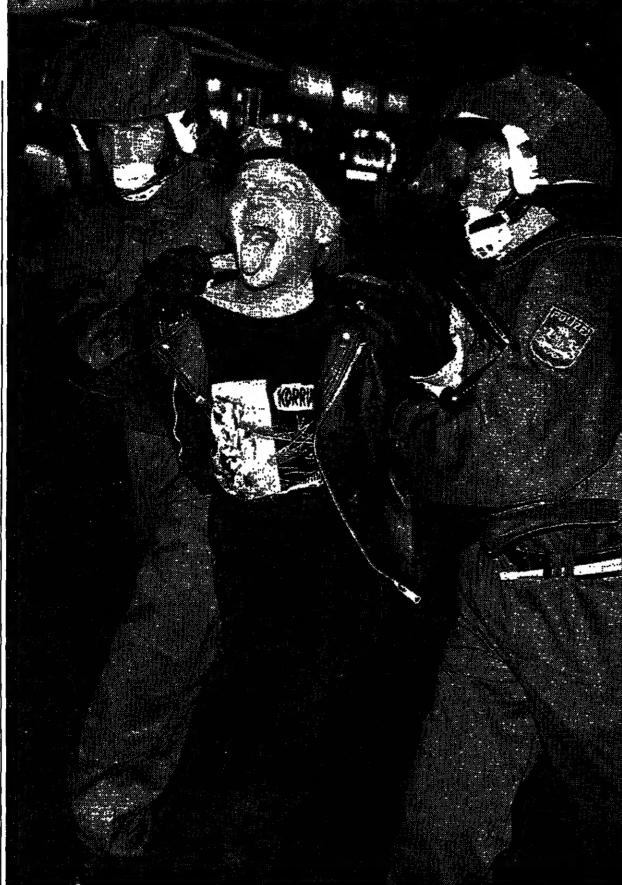
tear-gas spray cans. Bremen police turned back hundreds of youths arriving at the railway station early on Saturday. Punks expressed anger that they were not allowed to gather peacefully in the city, and bundreds threw stones, bottles and molotov cocktails at the police.

Police said six officers were injured and a police vehicle set on fire and

But Hanover was quiet on Saturday and it looked as though the anarchists had shifted the event to

The police said they were considering sending units to Bremen from Hanover. where 2,000 punks rampaged last year.

In three nights of vicious clashes last year beer-swill-ing youths — some skinheads, some rainbowhaired wearing dog collars and leather cuffs — lobbed home-made firebombs as police lines pushed them back with shields and



Police arrest a punk during the 'Chaos Days' rampage of anarchists in Bremen yesterday

### Bullfighter's death spurs Spanish calls to end 'sport'

Adela Gooch in Madrid

RANCISCO Gázquez had virtually retired from bullfighting when he was called back to the ring a week ago. Out of practice, he was gored and trampled to death. Now Spaniards, once again, are questioning the morality of their national sport. Gazquez was a banderillero, one of a team who helps

weaken the bull for the matador by plunging darts into its side. But his neat dance towards the animal was

'I'm not saying this death could have been avoided," said Javier Villan, an opponent of bulffighting. "But it does show up the seedy side of an activity so often seen as well-paid and glamorous,"

Cázquez aged 48 ported as

Gázquez, aged 48, worked as a bricklayer and only took part in the fight in Valencia because star bullfighters withdrew at the last minute.

He would have received 80,000 pesetas (£400) for the fight while a lop matador can earn up to 6 million pesetas. His death recalled that of another hunderillero. Manolo

Montoliù, whose heart was the latter.

sliced in two in Seville's Maestranza ring four years ago, also prompting calls for At the weekend another Spanish man. José Almela, aged 30, died in El Puig after being gored at a bull fiesta, in which a bull is let loose among villagers.

Prominent opponents of bullfighting include Queen Solia and the author Francisco Umbral, who wrote after hope to be taken seriously as members of the European Union while we allow these massacres of man and beast to continue."

But attempts by MEPs to stop the "sport" have drawn strong opposition. It is not only seen as a part of the cul-tural identity of Spain but is big business. Television rights and

young audience drawn by bullfighters with teeny-bopper appeal have made it more profitable than ever. It also has powerful advocates. King Juan Carlos once remarked, only half in jest. that if it came to a choice be tween EII membership and

bullfighting, he would opt for

# Reburial restores Enver Pasha to his true glory

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

HE remains of the Turkish revolutionary Enver Pasha were laid to rest in Istanbul yesterday, far from the plains of Central Asia where he died fighting the Soviet Union in

Prayers were offered at the Sisli mosque before the reburial, with full military honours, in a mausoleum at Eternal Freedom Hill, where other leaders of the Young Turks revolution lie. They ended the rule of the Sultans over the Ottoman empire.

President Suleyman De mirel, who arranged for the remains to be retrieved remains to be retrieved from Tajikistan, attended with descendants of Enver. He had been given the hon-orific Pasha, meaning general or commander. After helping to depose

Sultan Abdul-Hamid II in

1909, Enver led a coup in

Progress to power. He ruled as part of a triumvirate and is held responsible for tak-ing Turkey into the first world war on the German He fled in a German sub-

marine just before the ar-mistice in 1918. From Berin he went to Moscow, where he failed to win Soviet support for a plot to overthrow the founder of the modern Turkish repub-lic. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. But Lenin allowed him to go to Turkestan to organise the Central Asian republics for the Commu-nist cause. He soon changed sides, joining the revolt of the Muslim Baswachi guer-rillas in 1921.

He was pursuing his dream of a pan-Turkic state in the Caucasus and Cen-tral Asia when he was killed by the Red Army in what is now Tajikistan in 1922.Yesterday was the 74th anniversary of his death. Turkish scientists identified his remains ear-1913 which brought his identified his remains ear Red Crescent humanitarian Committee of Union and lier this year in a grave-aid for Baldzhuan.

180 miles south-east of Du-shanbe. A distinctive goldcapped tooth was found along with a surviving witess to the interment President Demirel said in Cyprus yesterday. No inver Pasha had led a bomb was found.—AP.

Enver Pasha had led a whirlwind life. "He was a nationalist, an idealist and an honest soldier who loved his country," he said. "He is a hero in the eyes of the Turkish nation, his exile has ended." The ceremony also marked his rehabilitation.

He has always been in the shadow of Ataturk, whose portrait still adorns every government office, but his record in Central Asia ap-peals to Turkey's ambition to extends its influence over the Turkic-speaking

countries there. President Demirel thanked his Tajik counterfor his help in returning the remains. Turkey pro-vided 10 tons of Turkish

# **Belgian PM acquires** 'absolutist' powers

Stephen Bates in Brussels

ing him to resign, bitterly accusing Germany of appeasing Croatian nationalism and sac-

rificing the EU plan. Mr Koschnick said real EU

support would mean an inter-national showdown with

EAN-LUC DEHAENE the Belgian prime minister, has found himself cast in the unlikely role of the absolutist French monarch ots and press cartoonists since he ruthlessly seized control of the economy in an at-tempt to prepare the country for the European Union

for the European Union single currency.

The man spurned by John Major two years ago for the presidency of the European Commission is now arguably the most powerful domestic politician in Europe. Belgian MPs passed three laws giving him executive power to raise taxes, cut social security budgets and set wase levels with gets and set wage levels with-out prior consultation.

With a record that has annoyed the public and reduced his approval rating in opinion polls to less than 20 per cent, Mr Dehaene insists that there is no alternative to emer gency measures if the econo my is to meet the Maastricht criteria for joining the single

The government says it must make ready, since its closest neighbours and trading partners are likely to be among the first to join. About 75 per cent of its trade is with other Benelux countries. Germany and France.

At a pugnacious press con-erence in Brussels on Friday. after a day-long cabinet meet-

budgetary reforms. The atmosphere of crisis was disperset, however, when he an-nounced that his government would be taking three weeks'

Mr Dehaene said: "You can judge us when we have fin-ished — and we will finish the be saying if exhausted minisers were taking decisions while the Olympic Games were on, or taking advantage of other people being on holiday?"

You can judge us when we have finished — and we

will finish the job' Belgium is showing how far BU member states other than Britain are prepared to go for economic and monetary social tension, as grew in France last year. It has aldemonstrations and protests

against education cuts. A spokeswoman for the finance ministry said: "We have no choice about joining. It is absolutely important to us if our trading partners are

involved. The three framework laws were passed just as parlia-ment was rising for its sum-

ing, Mr Dehaene said he mer recess. They were backed by the government's Socialist budgetary reforms. The atmoners, overcoming opposition attempts to thwart them with 3,000 amendments.

While the two laws relating to social security and next year's budget will expire within a year, the legislation to determine wage levels is open-ended. An attempt to introduce a wages pact between employers and trade unions to limit pay rises and prevent strikes collapsed a few

Drastic action is undoubt-edly needed if Belgium is to meet the Maastricht criteria. It needs to slash its budget deficit from 4.5 per cent to 3 per cent by the end of next year, and more than halve the ratio of its national debt, which stands at 133 per cent of gross national product — by far the highest of any EU member state.

There is no chance of the debt's being cut to the requisite 60 per cent, but Belgium hopes the rules will be bent if it can show serious progress.

The government is seeking severe cuts, lopping nearly an generous social security provistons even before next year's budget. Belgians are highly taxed, but are used to benefits which include 60 per cent of their salaries for the first year of unemployment.

Mr Dehaene sald next year's budget would be ready before parliament returned at the beginning of October.

# News in brief

### Jihad men's iail escape

Two members of the Islamic Jihad group escaped yester-day from an Israeli jall at Belt Lid, near Tel Aviv, by tunnel-

ling their way out. The prisoners were named as Ghassan Mahadawi, serving 17 years for stabbing a Jew, and Tawfiq Zaban, serving 12 years for killing an Arab. — Reuter.

**US plane crashes** A US military plane enforcing the no-fly zone in Iraq has crashed near Dhahran, in Saudi Arabia, but the pilot es-

caped injury, a US military official said. — Reuter. Nec-Nazi arrests

Police in Germany detained 12 neo-Nazis after breaking up a weekend march by rightwing extremists in Wismar. In Bad Harzburg youths knocked a police officer from his motorcycle, then kicked him and tried to pull off his helmet, police said. Thirty-nine extremists were ar-rested.—AP.

**Bomb scare** 

A telephoned bomb threat forced a Polish plane en route from Warsaw to Israel to make an emergency landing

Anti-graft sweep Libyan security forces have arrested scores of traders, shop owners and a senior gov-ernment official in a nationwide anti-corruption sweep Libyans arriving in Egypt

Somali leader Hussein Aideed, aged 35, son of the late faction leader Mo-hammed Farah Aideed, was chosen yesterday to succeed his father as "president" of Somalia. — Reuter.

said yesterday. - Reuter.

Beach blast

Roberto Curcio, aged 33, was badly injured yesterday when a bomb dropped from a beach umbrella he was unfurling in Lignano Sabbiadoro, north-east Italy, and blew up in his

# Italy goes for Priebke retrial

John Hooper in Rome

TALY set in motion the machinery for securing a re-trial of the former Nazi as it became increasingly clear that it would be impossible to extradite him to

Germany.

But the chorus of protest which greeted the decision of a military court last week to and several prominent Italians have supported the court's ruling or questioned the way in which Mr Priebke had been re-arrested hours

On Saturday an appeal court judge endorsed an order to renew the detention of the former SS officer. The order was made last Thursday by the justice minister, Giovanni Maria Flick, as Mr Priebke and his trial judges were besieged by demonstrators out-side the courtbouse.

Mr Flick said the decision was justified because Italy was awaiting an extradition request from Germany. But German officials admitted at the weekend that the chances of such a request succeeding

Mr Priebke was extradited from Argentina last November under a treaty which for-bade his subsequent extradition to a third country. A spokesman for the justice

ministry in Bonn said at the weekend: "On the basis of the weekend. Of the basis of the European agreement on ex-tradition, a country cannot extradite someone for an of-fence of which he has been couitted.

Lawyers acting for the Ital-ian government are now tryian government are now try-ing to secure a new hearing by having Mr Priebke's trial ruled void.

At the original trial, two

etitions were submitted to the military appeal court askthe military appear court ask-ing, for the judges to be replaced because the presid-ing judge, Agostino Quistelli, had made up his mind before

the proceedings began. A Carabinieri general testifed that, before he was allotted the case, Mr Quistelli had said Mr Priebke should go

Neither of the petitions was successful but on Saturday the chief military prosecutor, Giuseppe Scandurra, appealed against their rejection.
"We could have a decision

within the month," he said. The prosecution has also appealed against the verdict.
That is a much longer process, and involves freeing Mr
Priebke pending the decision
of the courts — something the government would find acutely embarrassing.

Mr Priebke was accused of a leading role in Italy's worst

The head of Italy's exiled royal family called for a 'bit

wartime atrocity — the reprisal killing of 335 men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves near Rome in 1944.

of clemency

Among those swimming against the tide of public opinion at the weekend was one of Italy's most respected journalists, Indro Montanelli, editor of Il Giornale, a Berlus-coni-owned newspaper. He lambasted the politicians' reaction as a "chorus of

hanality".

The most controversial contribution, however, came from the head of Italy's exiled royal family, which was expelled after a post-war referendum largely because it supported Beauto Musculisis.

ported Benito Mussolini's fascist dictatorship.

Vittorio Emanuele of Savoy called for a "bit of clemency". He also asked why the partisans who carried out the attack for which the Ardeatine Caves massacre was a reprisal had never been

# Screw tightens on Burundi

in Bujumbura

ANZANIA has added ite to the sanctions imposed on Burundi in retaliation coup ten days ago by blocking oil shipments, turning back lorries at the border and halt-ing commercial flights. Burundi's new military government is relying on an-other neighbour. Rwanda, to for the military

other neighbour, Rwanda, to other neignnour, awarda, to take a less rigorous approach and so ease the pain of the blockade. But the latest United Nations report, which blames Tutsi soldiers for the wholesale clausities of Huin wholesale slaughter of Hutu civilians in recent months, will further diminish sympa-

thy for the new regime.

Tanzania has struck where it is likely to hurt most by shutting off Burundi's main

source of oil, normally delivered by railway from Dar est the blockade.

Tanzania's hard line will bring the army under control. Lake Tanganyika. Yesterday a Tanzanian official said they were barring 300 tons of fuel, as well as passenger ferries, from leaving port.

Lorries have been queuing at land borders since Friday, when Tanzania shut the frontier to freight, and commer-cial flights between the two countries have been grounded.

Burundi says it has fuel stocks sufficient for several weeks, but the government is already considering rationing to conserve petrol supplies for the war against Huth rebels. Some garages are imposing their own limits on sales to individuals.

Some of Bujumbura's residents have been stockpiling supplies since sanctions were announced, even though state

undoubtedly sting Burundi. but the new military regime is hoping to re-route supplies through Rwanda, where comments by some Tutsi officials suggest the government is backtracking on its commit-

The latest UN report confirms how deep the problems go. The UN Centre for Human Rights has uncovered 17 previously unrecorded massa cres by Burundi's overwhelm ingly Tutsi army in the past

Although the new regime offers ethnic balance, there is little political balance

ment to a full blockade. But | four months. Up to 3,000 were Rwanda is vulnerable to pressure from Uganda, which has shown little sympathy for Burundi's military.

Although the blockade was imposed in response to the coup, the demands of Burun-

The report says Hutu rebels were also responsible for murders over the same period, but concludes that "the greatest number were killed by elements of the Bu-rundian army", in reprisal for attacks on the circlisal di's neighbours go wider.

They are hoping, among for attacks other things, to put pressure population. for attacks on the civilian

One of the incidents de- | able to most Burundians. He scribed was on June 27 at Nyeshenza, in the battlescarred province of Cibitoke Hutu rebels attacked a tea convoy, a favourite economic

largely failed.

Although the new govern-

with Burundi's Hutu ma-

jority receiving about the

same representation as the

Tutsi minority — there is lit-tle political balance.

Most of the Hutus in

the cabinet are from the Tutsi-dominated Uprona

party, which is close to the

army and played an instru-

mental role in creating the Political heavyweights

from Frodebu - the mainly

Hutu party which over

whelmingly won Burundi's only free election three years

Tutsi soldiers responded by rounding up about 500 people in Nyeshenza whom the army accused of being "assailants". They were marched from the town to a site near a church and murdered with guns and bayonets. After the massacre, thousands of Hutus fled the area for Zaire and

Rwanda. In an effort to make his government appear more legiti-mate, Burundi's new military leader, Pierre Buyoya, named a 23-member government at ago — are noticeably absent.
Some of Frodebu's former
cabinet ministers, including
the deposed president Sylvestre Milbantunganya, are
still sheltering in Western
combactice. the weekend

The announcement was delayed for several days as Major Buyoya tried to bring

# Desert troops 'alert for terrorist attack'

WESTERN forces in Saudi Arabia were on alert for an imminent terror attack yesterday following a sudden increase in Gulf tension over the bombing of a United States air force

Guirtension over the combing of a control of the barracks in the kingdom in June.

US, French and British troops stationed at Saudi military installations adopted identical top-level security measures. The moves followed warnings from the US defence secretary, William Perry. Separately, the US warned Kuwait of security threats from Irao and "other countries in the region", the Guif ent offers an ethnic balance state's foreign minister said.

American minister said.

American troops in Saudi Arabia have been bombed twice in seven months. A fuel-truck bomb killed 19 US armen at a housing complex near Dhahran in June. Five Americans and two Indians were killed by a car bomb in Rhyadh last November. On Friday. Air Perry simpled out Iran as "certainly the two Indians were killed by a car bomb in Riyadh last November.
On Friday, Mr Perry singled out Iran as "certainly the
leading candidate for international terrorism directed against
the United States", and said that Washington would take strong
action against any country proved to be involved in the Saudi
bombings. He would not say what that action would be
Yemen said yesterday it was hunting a Yemeni suspected of
helping four Saudis who confessed to the Riyadh car-bombing.
An interior ministry official said the fugitive fled to Yemen
from Saudi Arabia before the blast.
In the Gulf, meanwhile, 15,000 US sailors and marines in
dozens of ships, including an aircraft carrier battle group, were
involved in a military exercise to test America's ability to set

involved in a military exercise to test America's ability to set up operations in the region quickly. Reuter, Dubai.

### Alarm over felled forests

POOR farmers in the Third World practising slash-and-burn agriculture could destroy half the remaining forest cover, and logging threatens the rest, an international agricultural research organisation warned yesterday.

Soaring numbers of poor farmers are major contributors to the

Soaring numbers of poor farmers are major contributors to the loss of 38 million acres of tropical forests every year, a report by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, which is supported by four United Nations affiliates, said.

The world's tropical forests have been reduced to about 5 billion acres, from 5.5 billion in 1980, according to UN figures.

"A hundred years ago, slash-and-burn was a very well adjusted system," said Ismail Serngeldin, the Egyptian scientist who chairs the consultative group. "You had a very small population against a very large forest cover.... If you farm two bectares

against a very large forest cover . . . If you farm two hectares (5 acres) and there are 14 hectares of fallow, it's an OK system. But with the huge demographic explosion that has happened, there is no solution to this without solving the poverty problem."

The solution was for farmers to learn more intensive cultivation to the problem of the proble

tion recliniques and grow new crops, in particular trees with multiple uses which also refortify the land with nutrients. Governments must better regulate land use and allow some food prices to rise to the benefit of farmers.

But Kenya's leading environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, said:

"Poor people are the victims, not the cause [of the problem]. In Kenya, we are fighting to protect the remaining indigenous forests from some of the richest people in the country." — New York Times, United Nations.

### Black anger at police raid

A RAID by helmeted police officers in riot gear and riding in an armoured personnel carrier with mounted automatic guns has provoked a formal protest from a black community in the South Central part of Los Angeles. A house which the police believed held a suspected murderer

was occupied only by women and children: the man's mother, a boy aged 13, a girl aged 16, an infant and a neighbour, Alesha Dyer, aged 20. The suspect, Demetrius Franklin, aged 20, surren-

Dyer, aged 20. The suspect, Demetrius Franklin, aged 20, surrendered when he heard of the raid and denies any crime.
During the raid last month—reported only in the latest edition of a black weekly, the Los Angeles Sentinel—police officers manhandled the teensge girl while trying to handcutf her, witnesses said. Ms Dyer accused them of rudeness and unwarranted force. More seriously, the complaint alleges that the officers did not market as easily harmony truth officers the raid and Mr. Ferning. not produce a search warrant until after the raid, and Mr Franklin's name was not on it.

A police spokesman said: "The man we were looking for had a history of firearms, was a known gang member and did commit a brutal murder. Our intention was to prevent armed confrontation." - Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.

### Sri Lanka troops pound rebels

SRI LANKAN troops backed by tanks and air support renewed their thrust against Tamil Tiger rebels in the north yesterday as the authorities braced themselves for a flood of refugees fleeing

the authorities braced themselves for a flood of refugees fleeing the fighting, military and aid officials said.

Air force bombers and helicopter gunships pounded rebel positions as troops resumed their advance at dawn from northern Paranthan towards rebel-held Kilinochchi, 180 miles north of Colombo, after a week-long hull, a military spokesman said. The rebels accused the troops of indiscriminate shelling of Kilinochchi, saying nearly 200,000 civilians had fled the town. Aid officials said they were preparing 35 schools in and near the town of Vavuniya, 44 miles south of Kilinochchi, to accommodate the anticipated influx of refugees. — Reuter, Colombo.



AN archaeologist dusts off a twin-headed statue, believed to be of the great pharaoh Ramses II, discovered last week near the Giza pyramids in Egypt. The unfinished 11ft granite statue shows the king, who ruled in the 13th century BC. in human form and as the sun god Re-Harakhti

### Town rejects nuclear plant

IN Japan's first referendum, a coastal farming town returned a resounding No yesterday to a plan to build a nuclear power plant.

The election commission of Maki, about 160 miles north-west of Tokyo, said the final tally was 12,478 against and 7,904 in favour, in turnout of 88.3 per cent of eligible voters.

The referendum stemmed from Tohoku Electric Power Co's 1969 proposal to build a 825,000-kilowatt nuclear plant at Maki. The plan has divided the community ever since.

While the result is not legally binding, the town's mayor had promised to block the sale of council property to the company if residents voted No. The power firm has vowed to go ahead, saying it already has 96 per cent of the land it needs. — Reuter, Mokt.



"My taste for dead bodies," says Vathek's usually lingerie-clad mother, "and everything like mummy, is decided"

A coca farmer waving the Colombian flag faces troops at the sirstrip of Puerto Asis in Putumayo province on the border with Ecuador. On Friday, two people were killed and at least

15 injured by security forces when several thousand farmers tried to march on the airport to protest at the government's American-backed programme to eradicate drug crops. The town, which has been taken over by an estimated 15,000 farmers, has become a focal point for demonstrations

MANUEL SALDARDAGA

# in mud and muddle Nick Cumming-Bruce

have left Mexico's Zapatistas

giddy, Michael McCaughan writes

RALITY was the name of the village, but the thousands of guests from around the world who concluded a conference organised by indigenous rebels in south-east Mexico at the weekend left with a dream to establish an intercontinental network of resistance to struggle for a "new world".

Greens, gays, anarchists, artists, intellectuals, Indians. repentant Stalinists and ex-guerrilla fighters from 43 countries descended on Chiapas, demonstrating the ex-traordinary magnetism of the Zapatista rebel movement. which fought a 30-month war by mainly non-violent means, principally the media.

The logistics of the event would have scared off the bravest of rock promoters; food, toilets, transport and sleeping quarters for 3,000 guests had to be transported by 2,000 Zapatista volunteers to five different locations during the rainy season.

At the entrance to each of the sites, termed Aguasca-tients after the rebel conference during the first Mexican revolution, the rules of engagement were written in black and red: Alcohol and drugs strictly forbidden and

no skinny-dipping.
The size of the event ruled out in-depth discussion among the participants from Iran, Cuba, Zaire, Turkey, Australia, France, the United States and Japan, among other countries. They agreed

3,000 global guests | artists would burst into the world In another discussion, local and global perspectives clashed as delegates spent bours in heated debate on the

relative merits of smoke signals and the Internet. A number of special guests enjoyed VIP passes and their own discussion table, where Danielle Mitterrand, Eduardo Galeano, Antoine Touraine and Douglas Bravo, a companion of Che Guevara, praised the rebels for their

reforms in Mexico. Amid the sudden heavy downpours, each venue quickly turned into a mudbath, with delegates slither-ing warily from point to point, grasping wooden poles or nearby Zapatista helpers.

The gathering culminated in pledges to return home and bring the rebel spirit to local struggles, and establish an intercontinental network of resistance to struggle for a "new world" — the impossi-ble but minimal demand of

this raging rebel army.
The inevitable conclusion from the search for global alternatives was the emphasis on local and personal politics, building sustainable smallscale economies protected by international solidarity.

Sub-commander Marcos, the charismatic Zapatista leader. delivered the opening and clos-ing speeches, his self-effacing manner a reminder of how the rebels have abandoned past guerrilla taboos, comfortably expressing their doubts, fears. failures and weakness

When asked what he expected from the gathering, he said: "I haven't a damn clue." The French intellectual Régis Debray offered to fill the gap "This is a return to the essential resistance."

ing a practical response.

The battle strategies varied wildly — one Basque wanted to set up a special day.

Mr Marcos also noted that a few days earlier, everyone had been looking forward to the start of the event. "Now". wildly — one Basque wanted to set up a special day when to be over."

# Rebel love-in ends | Harassed Megawati stands fast

self for possible demonstrations today when lawyers for the ousted Indonesian opposition leader Megawati Sukarnoputri go to the city relies here.

Megawati Sukarnoputri go to the city police headquarters.

Megawati has been summoned for questioning on riots in the capital, but has decided to leave it to her lawyers to sort out what they say are flaws in the summons.

Staying away will also give har advisers time to try to where Megawati faces presume the gureriment to give up her struggle to keep the party leadership.

Megawati Sukarnoputri go to give the party leadership.

Megawati shows no sign of weakening "What I am trying to do is consolidate the party throughout Indonesia," ahe says.

The campaign to stop her, she warns, is likely to add to

work out the authorities' the resentment that exploded Nine days after the police stormed the office of her Indonesian Democratic Party,

nestan behindrate Farty, sparking off the violence, troops have restored order but not calm to the capital, where Megawati faces pres-

cian Sri Bintang Pamungkas led to a 34-month jail sentence for insulting the president, which is still under appeal.

The police questioning will probably focus on speeches made at her party headquarters before the security forces

on July 27 into the worst riots

for more than 20 years. The police called Megawati

for questioning as "a witness in the criminal case of inten-

tionally spreading hatred

A similarly worded summons to the dissident politi-

against the president

and says she hardly knows anything about the tiny People's Democratic Party. which military identify as Indonesia's new communist

# by lawn and order on history

weapon to lure foreign investors during the 1960s has finally been revealed: Well-kept trees and manicured gardens. Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father and former

prime minister of modern Singapore, told the Straits Times in a recent interview that he personally directed a campaign to turn the swampy mosquito-infested island into a series of carefully nurtured lawns and

He added that it was "a certain subtle way" of convincing potential investors that the country was effi-cient, even though it was deep in poverty. To maintain a garden is

a daily effort and if you can maintain it, it means you are capable of proctuality and systematic work." The greenery must have worked its charm, because foreign investment became the engine of economic growth and prosperity that turned the resourceless tained estate.

island into Asia's wealthi-est country after Japan. Foreign direct equity investment amounted to £34.8 billion by the end of last year. Investors rate it highly for political stabil-ity, ease of doing business and relative absence of

In the sixties, just after Singapore became indepent, visitors leaving the old Paya Lebar airport had to pass through shanty "We didn't try to hide the

buildings, because that would only have raised spruced up with trees.

cured grassy knolls and flowering plants. The government pays as much attention to the rest of the city. It organises reg-ular "clean and green"

HE Bank of Abyssinia with the Italian invasion of Ethiopia under Mussolini in 1935. Today the bank reopens for business in a bright, white office block on Addis Ababa's

Tkalign Gedamu, the bank's chief executive officer, says: "It was the first private bank in the country, and that is why we have chosen to open with the same name. The bank was founded in 1905 by Emperor Menelik, along with the country's first hospital and printing press. It part-financed the Franco-Ethiopian railway from Dibouti, 430 miles inland to the

new capital at Addis Ababa. At first, the bank's backers were British, through the National Bank of Egypt. When the Italians came, they liquidated the bank, which had been nationalised four vears earlier.

Menasse Lemma, a former bank employee who became finance minister after Emfinance minister after Emperor Haile Selassie's return require cash."

to power in 1941, says:
"People lost their holdings...
Some succeeded in changing
their currency for lira, but the majority lost everything."
He believes today's Bank of
Abyssinia is "totally different". It joins four other Ethiopian banks — two state and two private. "The old bank had a monopoly. This one is going to be an ordinary com-mercial bank, competing and

Megawati says that the

that her faction of the PDI

has links to neo-communis

tary in June.

fighting its way up."

According to Mr Gedamu,
the bank's 131 shareholders are "purely Ethiopian" and come "from all walks of life". But for some, the climate for private banks is still unfavourable. After decades of state control, bureaucracy and ever-changing rules hamper activity. Less than 5 per cent of the population have a bank account, and

most transactions are in cash.
The middle-class Ethiopian is far away from banking ac-tivities," says Tamrat Bekele, a businessman and publisher.
"Banks have to put their resources together to inform

the public of banking services. Using a cheque is not custom-

AP in Singapore CINGAPORE'S secret

their suspicion." Mr Lee said. Instead, the area was Today, visitors land at the new Changi airport. The ride to the city takes about 20 minutes along roads flanked by palm trees, mani-

# Singapore helped Ethiopia banks

Alice Martin in Addis Ababa

was one of Africa's oldest banks, but it closed main Bole Road.

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### Mostar's menace Tackling Tudjman's blackmail

A BOSNIAN CRISIS has once again put Western countries on the spot. The US president has been humiliated because of a powerful regional leader: an ultimatum has been defied leaving mediators uncertain whether to carry it out and perhaps precipitate a wider breakdown. This time it is not Radovan Karadzic and the Bosnian Serbs who are thumbing their noses. It is the Bosnian Croats and Franjo Tudjman, president of independent Croatia whose premature recognition by Germany — followed by the EU — was the prelude five years ago to disaster. Mr Tudiman compounded the injury by blackmailing Washington into giving him a personal interview with Bill Clinton — and then failing to deliver the goods. His 15 minutes on Friday in the Oval Office produced the pictures and the handshakes which feed the ego of this vain quasi-dictator. In return he was supposed to bring his Bosnian Croat protegés into line so that they would accept the result of the July elections in divided Mostar, and start dismantling their self-pro-claimed statelet of the "Croatian Republic of Herzeg Bosnia." Both goals are now in doubt.

The same pattern has been followed as in so many confrontations with the Bosnian Serbs and their backdoor boss President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia. First there is apparent agreement by the principals. Then there is a mood of optimism amid reports that talks are "making progress." Finally there is despair as local clients refuse a reasonable compromise. Breakdown on a specific issue also threatens resolution of a much larger one - in this case whether the results of approaching Bosnia-wide elections will be treated with the same

As previously, it may still be possible to finesse some sort of deal at the thirteenth instead of the eleventh hour. this can be the Bosnian way of getting things agreed. But the EU's mandate will have been weakened for the future. If the issue really were the stated one of irregularities in the Mostar election, there would be agreement already. The EU offered several concessions: it promised to investigate the fairly minor irregularities in an election station for Mostar voters living in Germany, and it offered to confine decisions by the new Mostar city council to those of a consensus nature until the dispute was resolved. But at root the Croatian objection is based on a much more serious claim: the Bosnian affiliate (HDZ) of Mr Tudiman's ruling party insists that Mostar is "historically Croatian", and that it is the capital city of all Croats in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their whole election campaign was run on the proposition that the town should remain divided on a strictly ethnic basis into Croatian and Muslim municipalities in West and East Mostar.

Splits among the Bosnian Croats, between the mayor of West Mostar Mijo Brajkovic and the local party leader Jadranko Topic, may have intensified Croatian opposition to the election result. So may the influence of the Croatian mafia, described yesterday by the EU special envoy Sir Martin Garrod in healthily undiplomatic "scum" who rule by terror and must be the only way in which a citi"But the Zagreb regime claims the glory for zen can truly feel empowered "cleared out." But the Zagreb regime claims the glory for Croatian resurgence and must take the responsibility too. As the former EU team leader Hans Koschnick argues, US and German strategy to make Croatia their key ally in the Balkans fatally undermines pressure upon the president. The goal of a properly functioning Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia, essential to the Dayton accord, will never be achieved until Mr Tudjman himself is threatened with isolation.

### Not so hot in Atlanta

But we all lose some of them sometime

NOT EVEN THE final dawn in Atlanta brought any relief for our long-suffering nation. In the end there was no eleventh hour golden turn-up for the Olympic record books (British section). No cavalry rescue of the nation's fading hopes such as the legendary Foxhunter and Dai's dad managed all those decades ago in

But the line between perceived triumph and perceived disaster is much thinner than the current national mood of unredeemed Olympic failure would imply. Take that legend of 1952; then, our worst ever Games was transformed by Colonel Harry's nag into an epic metaphor of British pluck. Again in Rome 1960, another disappointing British performance was redeemed by Don Thompson training in his bathroom to win a gold in an event no one much cared for before or since. At Munich we only had Mary Peters to cheer, and in Montreal Big Bren's bronze was Britain's only athletics medal of any kind. And who remembers who won anything in Seoul?

Barcelona was a hard act to follow. Linford Christie astonished us all with the finest ten seconds of his lifetime, transforming a great career into a superb one. Sally Gunnell was at her peak, winning one of the very few athletics golds that any British woman has ever secured. It was great in '92, just as it had been amazing in Moscow and Los Angeles to have Coe, Ovett, Wells, Daley Thompson and Tessa Sanderson produce a rare constellation of success (the boycotts helped, of course). Those were good years, but things could have been different very easily then, and they could have been different this time too.

Just suppose that Jonathan Edwards had triple jumped another few centimetres, or Steve Backley propelled his javelin the length of a further stride. Then Britain would have won as many athletics golds in Atlanta as in Barcelona. Would there be all this national breast-beating? Would the Sunday papers have been full of editorials denouncing PC education policies which supposedly deter competitive sport? Would politicians be stumbling over one another to demand a better show and pledge more gold medals next time?

The truth is that these things come and go, for one nation and then another. Atlanta has been formidable for France, but all the French government grants, schools of excellence, sponsorship and the rest haven't been enough to bring Gallic triumphs in the past, even though it has all been in place for years. Ireland had an Olympic ball at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic ball at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no Olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no olympic boal at Atlanta because a nation with no out a world-beating swimmer all them to first enthused about private water companies' freedom to make their own decisions and then dealt with how they respond to that part of the private water companies' freedom to make their own decisions and then dealt with how they respond to that part of the private water of the about water metering — a prosaic subject but one which, as we shall see, is vital to the welfare of some low income families. It was opened distant memory.

If an an hour, Mr Gummer in thate is half an unwanted name hanging about, she might as well borrow it for a water companies' freedom to make their own decisions and then dealt with how they respond to that part of the private water on the dealt with how they respond to that part of the private water of the dealt with how they respond to that part of the private water of the average water of the water of the water of the water industry. It was decided that them to force water meters on their customers.

Almost everyone, he as a result is finding it extremely difficult to keep up a reasonable standard of hygiene. We



Letters to the Editor

# First among Labour's equals?

Hattersley (Balance of power, July 25) from "equality of op-portunity" as propounded by New Labour. The inescapable conclusion to be drawn from this differentiation is that you cannot have both at the same

time. I beg to differ.
I cannot speak for Mr Hat-tersley, but for an old-fash-loned socialist like myself these two objectives are not only competible, but also mu-tually reinforcing. To provide the citizens with equal access to educational, training and employment opportunities is the starting point. However, if no egalitarian measures are taken beyond this stage, society merely becomes a merit-ocratic rat race. Those who had their formative years be-fore New Labour embarked on its plans for education, training and employment op-portunity will still be at a disadvantage. To leave such people high and dry surely is a total negation of socialism or even of social democracy. The point which Gordon Brown has obviously missed is that equality of outcome is even if he/she does not belong

Hello, Mr Chips

ANTHEA Millet is right to be concerned about the de-

ers in state primary schools

(Chips are down for Mr

Chips, July 31). Boys and girls both need appropriate role models. However, while there may be fewer "Mr Chips" in the future, Mr Chips's chips

are certainly not down. Most teachers in primary schools occupy a highly dispropor-tionate number of positions of

My research in this area

covers approximately 1,700

primary teachers in nearly 200 schools. Of the teachers 14

per cent are male, 86 per cent are female, yet 44 per cent of the schools have male head

teachers. If one combines gendered positions of power and

clining number of male teach-

836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M20 8RP.

GORDON Brown is confused or disingenuous. Equality of outcome is not about imposing the same level of attainment on everyone, as he suggests. Rather it seeks, through positive discrimination and positive action, to mitigate the social sources of inequality — impoverishment, poor housing, inadequate schooling, discrimination and so on — which disproportionately afflict ethnic minorities and women, to name but two disadvantaged groups. The limitations of the con-

cept of equality of opportunity have long been recognised. Be-neath its intuitive appeal, its vision is empty and chimerical. Not least, how do we know if and when the limits of an individual's talents and preferances have ever been attained? But, more importantly, the concept is mediated through our society's reward system and invariably expresses itself in the right to compete for unequal rewards: if the rewards v ere not imenual there would be no competition. tised by a single word. A In other words, all equality of socialist government, said

high status positions and receive a higher salary for doing so, while the same can

be said of only 39 per cent of the female teachers.

Such information could

wall he used to enhance male

recruitment to primary teach-

ing as their career prospects are clearly good, but it would

not address fundamental

authority in primary schools (heads, deputies, promotion post holders) 65 per cent of dered role models in primary

ORDON Brown (In the real world, August 2) is what a "stakeholder socious of equality there. Further policies produced more or entering is what a "stakeholder socious ety" is supposed to remedy? Walter Cairns of equal worth for all those of equal worth for all those of equal worth for all those of equal test and disposition, option which, by making socious which was a socious which which was a socious was a socious which was a socious which was a socious was a socious which was a socious which was a socious which was a socious was a socious which was a socious which was a socious was a socio of equal worth for all those of equal talent and disposition, they cannot all have equal op-

portunities for success.

If, as Brown says, "we are to bridge the gap between what people are and what they have it in themselves to become", then the issues which these observations raise have to be addressed. Brown knows this, but unlike Hattersley can't invoke socialism in support of the cause. His is the "real world" of New Labour. Peter Bracken. 70 Coldharbour Road,

Redland, Bristol, BS6 7LX.

WROTE (Balance of power, July 25) that if Gordon Brown insisted in attacking "equality of outcome" it was important for him to find out what it is. Had he taken that precaution before writing (In the real world, August 2) he would not have railed against a nightmare of his own cre ation — "central imposition of outcomes [which] pay little regard to effort or deserts and would threaten a state in which opportunities are not

to the most motivated and opportunity delivers is fairer RH Tawney (as quoted on educationally-aware section chances to be unequal Not July 25), should consider

problem requires more than simply increasing the num-

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ber of male teachers

(Dr) Mary Thornton

option which, by making society more equal, actually reduces the drab uniformity that deprivation invariably creates. Does Gordon not

agree with that? Illustrating that principle, referred to an unemploye man from my constituency in his mid-forties, with a sick wife, two children and a house from which the electricity had been cut off. He needs not the hope of a new Britain in 20 years time but immediate financial assistance. Belief in equality of outcome requires that help to be provided, if necessary at the expense of higher income earners. Does Gordon — guided by a principle he did not set out on August 2 propose to provide that help when he becomes Chancellor? Roy Hattersley MP House of Commons

London SWIA QAA. T WAS good to see Gordon Brown proclaiming solidar-ity as one of the trinity of socialist values. Can we now look foward to a public declaration of solidarity with the John Gorman. Galley Wood House

Airnes Green, Waltham Abbey,

### Herbal healing

TRUST that no one will be encouraged to rush down to a chalky field to pick St John's Wort (Down in the meadow you might cure the bluss, August 2). It is a poisonous plant and can cause severe skin irritation. The homeo pathic remedy Hypericum keeps all the healing properties of the plant, the toxins are removed during manufacture. Pat Cotterill 35 Feiashall Road, Trysull South Staffs WV5 7HN.

DON'T see a problem over the abolition of handgons (Let-ters, August 8). Legislation al-lows ownership to be withheld from known weirdos. Since only a weirdo would want to own a handgun, anyone so ing a licence is unsuitable. David Thomas

# Within boundaries, breaking up is the right thing to do in Brent

don, and abandoning the 1963 creation of "Brent" (Brent into Willesden won't go, August 2). There is a great popular yearning for the more practical, traditional civic identities.

And it would be a particular advantage of Labour's planned Greater London Strategic Authority (GLSA) that, by creating two-tier city-wide government, it would make it assier to recognise at the lower-tier the realities of local allegiance and identity. With matters of overall policy, direction and resource allocation handled at an all-London level, the whole balance of the governmental system would change. Many of the old "si-zeist" arguments which prompted the creation of the present 32 "big boroughs" in 1963 would lose their force; smaller boroughs could be formed without administrative people. tive penalty, because the GLSA would have assumed responsibility for the necessary all-London thinking and last Stoke Neplanning. The boroughs could London Nis.

VOUR leader is right to highlight the advantages of reverting to former "small borough" boundaries in London Cities need two-tier governance. ment Single-tier government in London has been an acknowledged failure. The Labour GLSA would not recreate the GLC (which was not in any event a true upper-tier): the new all-London council would be a senuine upper-tier senior authority. And we argue that, with the advantages of two-tier gov-ernment now in prospect for London, all our cities should

There are throughout the UK many Brents, many Roger Warren Evans.

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BREAK up Brent? It simply needs to be renamed the London Borough of Neasden. empirically correct sub-title, "we're on the road to Wembley" would do nicely. 145 Stoke Newington High Street

### **A Country Diary**

want to enjoy, on your own, a slightly unusual fell walk, quite short, completely free from eroded tracks, except at the very start, with outstanding mountain views, park your car at the Kirkstile Inn, Loweswater, and start walking. The start up the steep, craggy north ridge looks rafher intimidating but is really — especially after a pint at the inn — a very pleasing scramble through heathery outcrops with magnitude of the south top that drops down to the lake shore at Low Ling Crag — a good test of balance that cuts about a mile off the nificent agrial views. This brings you to the airy north top and, nearly a mile away with easy walking, the slightly higher south top. The length of Crummock Water lies below and across the dale rears the huge bulk of Gras-moor and its subsidiary sum-

mits. On a clear day you can

easily pick out every yard of the splendid scrambling route

THE LAKE DISTRICT: You're | up Lorion Gully or any of the milikely to meet any one on Mellbreak, the craggy fell Other heights, including overlooking lovely Crummock Water, I've never seen anyone up there. So if you north top, a wonderful pannorth top, a wonderful pan-orama of the Solway. But it is Grasmoor that mostly attracts the eye — a mountain that usually manages to ap-pear much higher than it ac-tually is. For the descent most people go down to Crummock Water and the Scale Force track by the Scale Knott fence, but I always prefer the neatly, without losing my footing, I feel my walking days are not yet over. The whole round can't be more than four miles — a pleasant morning walk for loosening up the muscles or, in high summer, an excellent evening outing after the heat of the

A HARRY GRIFFIN

# Pouring cold water with the meter running

### Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

HE PUBLIC Services Committee of the House of Commons has edged Britain another step towards honest and open government by insisting that ministers must "take special care to provide information that is full and accurate... and must, in their dealings with Parliament, conduct with Parliament, conduct themselves frankly and with candour". I am so enthusias-tic about their insistence that misleading ministerial state-ments should be taken "par-ticularly seriously". that I offer my assistance in enforc-ing their recommendations. I invite them to examine a invite them to examine a speech made by John Gummer (nee Selwyn Gummer), Secretary of State for the Environment on July 9 1008

substantial. He had belief
begun when the Secretary of
State popped up to interrupt
him. As always, the minister
spoke in the manner of a
bishop who has just dropped
a thurible on his toe. "The honourable gentleman has made an allegation which is entirely untrue. The Govern-ment do (sic) not wish to force people to have water meters We are opposed to comput sory water metering." A cou-ple of minutes later he was delicately balanced on his tiny feet again. "I am opposed to the compulsory use of water metering because it would be expensive. Why is the honourable gentleman

pretending that any one would do it?"

But read what amounts to the small print. Buried in a speech which lasted for more than an hour. Mr Gunmer

tary of State for the Environ ment. Unfortunately the choice lies not with the con-sumer, but with the water companies which can, and do, impose en masse metering upon their reluctant custom-ers. Frank and candid is not the way in which I would de-scribe Mr Gummer's description of the position.

I do not make a habit of

studying Mr Gummer's speeches. But I forced myself to read Hansard for July 9 because of a letter I had received from a lady who wanted her water meter removed. I shall call her Mrs Selwyn — to preserve her an-onymity and in memory of Mr Gummer's double-barrelled past before he be-came a man or the people. If there is half an unwanted

ing the dishes and flushing the tollet. I have two children who suffer from severe eczema and need daily baths and frequent changes of bed clothes. So it is aimost impossible to save

Mrs Selwyn is a customer of Severn Trent Water. So I

Before privatisation the idea that artesian wells

might be needed in Birmingham would have been absurd

wrote to the company asking

seems to me that Ms Hastings and Mr Gummer ought to get

together.

We will pass lightly over the peramptory style of Ms Hastings' prose — pausing only to observe that the emphatic "will" appears a second time in her letter. It is more than her choice of words which demonstrates Severn Trent's insensitivity to the problem of low income to the problem of low income families. Ms Hastings — intending to be helpful, I am sure — suggested that the Department of Social Security might pay Mrs Selwyn's water bill direct and deduct the appropriate amount from her Giro cheque before she received it. The alternative suggestion was "payment on suggestion was "payment on a weekly basis". However, "the charges will remain the same". The basic fact of Mrs Selwyn's dilemma has escaped Ms Hastings. The water which the family needs costs more than it can afford — however the bills are ar-

Recall that Severn Trent Water is a complete and abso-

would call Mr Gummer's choice. To meter or not to shadow were he not twice as substantial. He had barely begun when the Secretary of least according to the Secre train fares are free to take the bus. But there is no alternative to water and water has a single supplier. It is also, after the air we breathe, the basic necessity of life. Per-haps I am turning sentimencivilised society should not deprive even one of its mem-bers of what we have taken for granted since the Victorian publication of Dr Chadwick's cholera maps. We give money to War on Want to pay for artesian wells in Africa. The idea that they might be needed in darkest Birmingham would have been regarded as absurd 10 years ago. That was before privatisation.

Severn Trent's defence is that they were set up as a commercial undertaking not a charitable organisation. And they are right. There is only one answer to Mrs Seiwyn's immediate dilemma. We need to turn Mr Gum-mer's fantasy into reality. No compulsory metering. For that to happen the water com-panies have to come back into

Alex Duval Smith

book on the counter, the young American woman asked: "C'est com-blen?" (How much?) In the

time it took the cashier to

say "55 francs", the customer had summoned up a

rush of decibels: "How

much is that in dollars?"

This being Shakespeare Company, she got away

with being given a calcula-

tor rather than a tirade. The

bookshop trades on its links

with the Lost Generation —

the American authors who,

in the 1920s, escaped to Paris, away from intellec-

tual and alcoholic prohibi-

tion. Right now, a visit to

the self-consciously disor-ganised bookshop must be

one of the few escapes from a bout of hostility towards

Americans in Paris. Unless they go on a martini binge

of Hemingway proportions at the Ritz Hotel bar. After the Olympic Games and the TWA 800 explosion,

relationship is at a low ebb. At the best of times, it is not

great. The French are dis-

gusted by protestant mer-

cantilism and know they provided a haven for Hem-ingway, F Scott Fitzgerald and Henry Miller. As far

back as 1875. Henry James

quarter on the Right Bank:

square running from the Rue de Rivolt. . . in which

the most sacred point is Boulevard des Capucines

by the Grand Hotel." The area still has Harry's Bar,

the head office of American

bookshop. When the Americans lib-

erated Paris — let's not be

Ray Ban sunglasses and "le happy hour". Not to men-

churlish — they brought

tokens which endured:

Lucky Strike digarettes

tion American-English

ways put in the wrong

spelling, and the apostro-

phe, which the French al-

place. As a thanks, France

hands out a sprinkling of

*légions d'honneur* (Sharon

Stone, Sylvester Stallone)

relationship with Disney-land-Paris and Tex-Mex

President Jacques Chirac

ing English on CNN's Larry

allure of Americana and af-

fection for the US. "What's

the use of the FBI?" is the

lines, the message is clear:

who cares about the Atlanta

bomb (2 dead, many stories) when 48 French people died

board TWA 800? The fam-

ilies of the French victims

were reportedly sidelined

ing salvage operation and their quiet grieving was disturbed by the teddles and heart-shaped wreaths

placed on Long Island beach

There was further anti-American fuel pumped in through reports from At-

lanta. The "safest" games in

history were shattered by a small bomb in a pipe. Ath-

letes' names were misspelt on a grindingly-slow com-

puter. Young French people had been enticed to Atlanta to work for slave wages on side-shows. And all the buses were breaking down.

In the midst of this adver-

sity, France triumphed, en-joying its best Olympics (38

been gold) since before the

rogant Americans still had

to be better: Marie-José Pérec won the women's 200

metre and 400 metre finals

but Michael Johnson, with

medals, of which 15 have

second world war. President Chirac talked of the historic results of a victorious French team which gives the world a fine image of our nation". But the ar-

by Americans.

cover story on L'Express this week. Between the

In the last few weeks,

food. Earlier this year,

could even draw some kudos at home from speak-

Express and Brentano's

described the American

About one kilometre

the Franco-American

INGERLY placing a

misunderstands history it-

self. The Apprentice Boys Clubs were founded, not in

1689, but in the 1820s, in

order to revive the celebra-

tions of the siege which had

lapsed through lack of inter-

est. The hundredth anniver-

sary of the siege had been marked in Derry by Protes-

tants and Catholics celebrat

ing together. And even on the three hundredth anniversary

of the lifting of the siege, in

1989, when the Troubles were still in full swing, Derry man-

aged to stage a brilliant non-

sectarian commemoration,

sectarian commemoration, with a pageant on the walls, the premiere of Shaun Davey's Relief of Derry sym-phony, and a fireworks dis-

Both sides should remer ber when they sit down to talk today what the original

13 boys actually did when they shut the gates of the city

against the forces of a stupid and reactionary king. They

showed that real history is

made by people who refuse to accept the inevitable, who stand against the tide of events and deflect its course.

Derry has the opportunity now, not to repeat history, but to make it. If a compro-mise can be reached, what

happens on the walls of Derry next Saturday may again help to shape the des-tiny of the whole island, has-

Germany, which have not

been subject to a long period of neo-liberal policy, mem-bership of trade unions has nevertheless fallen steeply. Even in Britain, the decline

in union membership since

the late seventies from over half the workforce to around

a third probably arises as much from developments in

technology, production and world trade as from policies

such as privatisation and the outlawing of closed shops.

■HE shrinkage of

ing and the growth

of leaner modes of

production, together with the practices of outsourcing and interna-tional transfer of jobs that

are made possible by new technologies, all tend to

reduce the leverage of trade

unions over employers. It is

this new economic environ-

ment of advancing globalisa-

tion, even more than the reforms of the eighties, that

rules out any return to the If trade unions are to pro-

jobs. In collaboration with

employers and government they will need to support a

play on the river.

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If ever proof were needed that television is taking its agenda from the tabloids, it is the shared neglect of the envi-ronment. The tabloids have an excuse. They only exist to enrich their owners. But the BBC and Channel 4 still have a public service remit with a responsibility for airing issues, educating, informing and clarifying. Perhaps the ex-ecutives should consider this

# The world not authorities asking the Apprentice Boys to re-route their parade, and then, faced with a blank refusal, deciding to let it go ahead — an entirely predictable disaster being allowed to unfold. But this idea that the present is the prisoner of the past mismederstands history it.

have modernised, like Tony Blair... there's a limit to the

number of times you can show

all the polluted rivers. We've

been there and done that. It'

Boredom, almost antipathy, pervades TV's senior manage

ment when the environment

is on the agenda. Attempts in the BBC to set up a watchdog

committee on the environ-ment were rebuffed. At last year's BBC briefing for pro-

gramme-makers. Michael

Jackson said environmental programmes were a turn-off

because of doom and gloom. Channel 4's head of pro-grammes says public interest in the environment is waning.

Charles Secrett, Director of Friends of the Earth, says that

this lack of interest doesn't reflect what the public wants,

more "the narrow range of

interest and experience of a

particular coterie who run broadcasting". Public concern

about environmental issues is at a high level. Recent MORI

polls show two-thirds of the population concerned that

British companies are not suf-ficiently attentive to environ-

ment, and 94 per cent worried about air pollution. These levels of concern are found over many issues and across all socio-economic groups and

age groups.
Normally, television would

pounce on such findings as valuable evidence of a poten-

tial audience. But not when it

comes to the environment.

The conviction that environ-

mentalists are synonymous with doom-merchants

with doom-merchants remains, even though that im-

pression was formed by the

commissioning policy in the late eighties. Executives remain convinced that wild-

life audiences are escapists

with tastes for stunning shots,

conservationists are dour

ideologues with grainy pro-duction values. But the QED

programme proved the bound-aries are imaginary. Love of

wild species often underlies

Television seems suited to cater for this unusual level of

democratic interest in a

science. Of the media, only the tabloids consider the environ-

ment as dull as does TV. The

radio has several programmes

dedicated to the environment.

Today and The World At One regularly cover environmen-tal issues as hard news, not

just when a disaster occurs. Broadsheets still take environ-

mental issues seriously as

news (but not features), al-

though recently the sections

time to move on.



Ros Coward

EMEMBER the Chilterns village of Turville and the furore about the proposal to use its old school for "holidays for inner-city kids" If nothing else, that fuss gave a sudden insight into how London media folk really value the countryside. Newsnight might render the countryside and the environ-ment almost invisible, but Jeremy Paxman — who was backing the proposals — obviously knows a rural idyll when he sees one.

Currently, the environment could not sink much lower in television's priorities.
Whereas the city with its obwhereas the city with its obscure minority interests, its heterogeneity, its sexual transgressions and its crimes might be considered the source of "sexy" television, the politics of the environment are considered passé. In future eliminary of the sexual considered passé. In future, glimpses of the countryside may be confined to freak-show programmes like Takeover TV which opened with an "amusing" sequence of someone headbutting a cow. Of course, television teems with wildlife programmes. But wildlife and the environment are not the same. Wild-

life programmes are about the secret lives of attractive species; they command large budgets and support. But environment programmes are more difficult. They examine people's interaction with the environment, the problems of conservation and the cost of our lifestyles to other species and peoples.

the interest many develop in ecology and conservation. Such programmes have become so uncommon that this year's Wildscreen festival has very few British programmes shortlisted for its conserva-HE shrinkage of tion category. The last edition of the QED series showed ing and the growth what could be done. It dealt with the conservation of seahorses in an uneasy partner-ship between scientist and local peoples. Not that you would have guessed this from the trailer, which sold it as a standard sex-life of strange

species film. Wildscreen's judges note that "comparatively few broadcasters are producing strong programmes on diffionmental presumably because they are difficult to place". Environ-mentalists had already spotted tect the economic security of this change. Unlike opera their members in an age of buffs, they have no specialist commissioning editor. Nor are and enhanced global competition, they will need to do more than defend existing ment. Channel 4 used to have Fragile Earth. But that has been replaced by Encounters, an exploration series. Its com-

sustained effort to reskill the missioning editor says "we workforce. A strategy of job preservation cannot ensure steady employment for long when new technologies are daily rendering existing skills redundant. You don't have In present conditions, reskilling must be recurrent and almost continuous. The and almost continuous. The adversarial industrial culture of Thatcherite capitalism, in which the unions are constantly put on the defensive, has not helped them view firms as enterprises in whose efficiency they have a real stake. Yet the future for the unions cannot be in resis-

the unions cannot be in resis-tance to change. It must be in enabling their members to cope with it. Already, unions are com-ing increasingly to resemble the mutual societies of the past, providing financial services and enhancing the skills of their members. The traditional role of unions in protecting their members' jobs will not disappear but neither will it dominate their

activities as it did in the What the unions need now is the opposite of Ian Lang's atavistic proposals. They need an accepted framework telling the pollsters is that, of law and policy that enables them to develop freely as autonomous institutions. Labour is committed to enacting a minimum wage, joining up to the Social Chapter and giving unions rights to representation when a majority in the workplace wants it. These commitments are essential if we are to move

forward from the neo-Vic-torian industrial culture that Labour stands to inherit from the Tories. Will they be an adequate response to the new anxieties of people at work? As global-isation and economic insecurity advance together throughout the world, overturning the free market consensus and shattering politi-cal settlements, how Labour deals with the fears that have transformed public attitudes to the unions may determine

its fate in government. John Gray is a Fellow of Jesus

# Catholic middle-class that of the Bogside appealing for now dominates Derry. The the march to be banned, the balance of power has shifted now dominates Derry. The balance of power has shifted irreversibly on to the Catholic side, a point made most forcibly last week when the SDLP and Sinn Fein majority on the city council voted to deprive the Unionist mayor Richard Dallas of the trap-pings of office because of his

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It is now the Catholics who have the responsibility that comes with power — the duty to be generous to the needs of the Protestant minority. If the Apprentice Boys have to show that their identity can be expressed without bigotry, they also have to be shown that Protestant fears of cultural annihilation at the hands of a Catholic majority are groundless.

part in the disturbances dur-

ing the stand-off at

It is easy, in contemplating this double task, to slip into

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cliches about the grip of the past on the present and to assume with fatalistic resigna-tion that what is happening is an endless and inevitable process of history repeating itself. This is especially the case because riots sparked by the same march led in 1969 to the fateful decision to send British troops into Northern

to shape Irish history.

If you know any Irish, the song's refrain — "Lilliburlero bullen a la" — isn't the march around the city walls. the IRA ceasefire and the sectarian confrontations meaningless nonsense that sparked by last month's most English people imagine it to be. It is a brilliant Prot-Drumcree stand-off, everyone knows that a repeat per-formance could have murderestant subversion of a Gaelic ous consequences. In the next linne an la — the lily (symbol of Orangeism) prevailed; the day was ours. For the song is few days, the ability of two communities to deal with the past will have a crucial bear-

cal and sectarian struggles of the late 17th century. Its conversion into a signature tune for the World Service marks the distance between the Protestants of Northern Ireland, still insist-ing on the political identity that was forged in those old struggles, and the contempo-rary Britain to which they offer allegiance. The process by which historic passion become abstract and harm-less — and songs like Lilli burlero become no more than hummable tunes — hasn't yet happened in Northern lics take the insult lying

catch-cry. An lile ba leir e, ba

a savage satire on Irish Cath-olics, a product of the politi-

A free Derry without

Commentary

N JANUARY 1943, the edi-

Service, looking for a sig-nature tune, hit on the

dea that the old song Lilli-

burlero might be just the ticket. It sounded so well

that, by the end of the year, it was adopted for English-lan-guage transmissions as well. It has been, ever since, the

anthem of the World Service,

antham of the world service, a symbol of those great tradi-tions of impartiality and bal-ance which are currently being defended by the great and the good.

It is not surprising that Lil-liburlero should sound to

Chinese ears like nothing

more than a good tune, but there must be something poi-

gnant, especially to Protes-tants in Northern Ireland, in

the idea that right-thinking people in the Home Counties

**Fintan** 

O'Toole

any more city walls

Today in Derry, the Apprentice Boys, named after the 13 young men who closed the gates of the city against the armies of King James in 1688, will meet with the resi-dents of the Catholic Bogside

ing on their future.
The march around the walls is doomed, almost by the lie of the land, to contain a symbolic declaration of hegemony. The Protestants who are walking the battle-ments literally look down on the Catholics below. And in the past this implication of superiority has been explicit. The Boys, as well as singing anti-Catholic songs, also had the endearing habit of contemporaries through the superiority and superiority and the superiority and superiority and the superiority and superiority and superiority a temptuously throwing pen-nies down into the Bogside. In 1972, the Sunday Times Insight team described the march as "an annual politi-cal experiment of the most empirical kind. If the Catho-

down, all is well. If they do not, then it is necessary to make them lie down." But Derry has been transformed since 1965, and so has the meaning of the old triummight associate it with detached and cosmopolitan civility. For the tune has
words, and they hark back to
1688 and the Siege of Derry,
an event that is still helping

tening the day when Lilliburlero can be in Ireland, as it has long been in England, Ireland. just a good tune. The run-up to the 1969 riots Fintan O'Toole is a columnist tion they occupied in Britain in the seventies. In European countries such as France and

# Raise the banner

John Gray argues that trade unions, again under attack, are needed more than ever in their role as defenders against insecurity

USA emblazoned on his chest, got all the plaudits. week's proposals by Ian Lang, Pres had a field day with all these things, totally disregarding ident of the Board the fact that US families inof Trade, are an authentic embodiment of the economic philosophy of the new Right, volved in the TWA 800 explosion were displeased also at the way they were in which unions are regarded as anachronistic treated. Let's face it: the impediments to the effi-ciency of the labour market. Lang has proposed ending perceived ineffectiveness of the FBI - founded by a descendant of Napoleon Bona parte — could have somethat long-standing immunity from claims for damages which is granted to unions thing to do with the restrictions on American legislation; the French engaged in lawful public secsecret services have unretor strikes. This immunity stricted powers to bug, tap has been a fixed point in the and barass. And Johnson set a world record in the legal framework of British industrial relations ever most high-profile event of since the Trades Disputes Act of 1906 overturned the the Games: Pérec did not. It's enough to make you House of Lords decision in 1901 to allow the Taff Vale Railway Company to sue the reach for the Zippo and light a Lucky Strike. railwaymen's union for damages caused through strikes. If they are ever enacted, Lang's proposals will return

us to the era of the Taff Vale

judgment. Unions such as Aslef and RMT, which are

involved in the current rail

dispute, will be liable for po-

tentially colossal damages,

and subject to sequestration of their assets if they do not,

or cannot, pay. In another twist in the New Right

ratchet effect, the right to strike will have been effec-

tively removed from five mil-

lion public sector workers. Britain will enter the new

ALL THE HUMILLATION FREAKS HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE GLYMPICS.

RE trade unions | millennium with a fin-de-siè | public support for compli- | risk losing everything — obsolete? Last | cle Victorian labour market. | ance with the European | your house, your prospects week's proposals | In part, these proposals are | Union's directive on a maxi- of ever returning to secure cle Victorian labour market.
In part, these proposals are merely pre-election gambits, aimed at Tony Blair. They apply the now familiar Tory strategy of confronting the Labour leader with policies that are designed to force him to choose between losing electoral support and risking conflict within his party. The current rash of strikes is un-

Union's directive on a maximum 48-hour working week. The electorate plainly does not believe that the balance of power in society has tilted too far in the direction of the unions; if anything, it be-

lieves the opposite. The Tories have not under stood that the climate of ecocurrent rash of strikes is un-doubtedly a factor favour- junction with the deep

The traditional role of unions in protecting their members' jobs will not disappear but neither will it dominate their activities as it did in the past

the deliberations of many voters; but the suggestion of another massive assault on trade unions may actually alienate some wavering Tories. In a time of deep anxiety about job security, union-bashing is not the sure vote-winner it was in the

As a recent NOP survey confirms, a large majority of union powers implemented fear; but the consequences of in the eighties — but an losing such a job are more equally large proportion opposes further restrictions on been for generations.

This does not mean that union activity. There is, moreover, overwhelming that if you lose your job you hope to return to the post-College, Oxford

able to the Conservatives in | changes that the unions themselves have undergone, may not, in fact, have invoters endorse the reforms of creased as much as people

has wrought a transformation in public attitudes. People who live in fear of losing their job and descending into the nether-world of contract work are unlikely to regard unions as the chief obstacle to their prosperity. The likelihood of losing an old-fashioned tenured job devastating than they have

Protecting employees from the worse insecurities of the free market was the original rationale of trade unionism. The unions' role as a defence against insecurity accounted for their strong growth in the 1880s, a period not unlike our own in its enormous eco-nomic inequalities and unregulated labour market. Now, as then, trade unions are indispensible defenders of elementary economic rights for millions of people. They are not less, but more important, now that we live in a largely deregulated global free market

employment, even your mar-

riage — is, in present cir-cumstances, entirely reason-

able. This is not an economic environment in which anti-

union sentiment can be

relied on by the Tories as a source of electoral support

for another clutch of New Right policies. What the electorate are

in an economic culture of pervasive insecurity, trade unions have a vital role. They are valuable intermedi-

ary institutions standing be-

tween wage-earners and the

uncertainties and potential

mequity of the free market.

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PURE LIQUID INK RANGE

N FRIDAY eve-nings, when the thought of weekend weeding loomed, it was the alm, efficient figure of Geoff Hamilton digging, pruning and weeding his way through BBC2's Gardener's World that convinced television viewers that all was not lost in the

Hamilton, who has died of a heart attack aged 59, was the ultimate gardening professional who, after more than 15 years of presenting the pro-gramme. managed to tread the line between informing the audience, without being patronising, that growing anything, however difficult, was worth a try. "I've been gardening for more than 50 years now," he once observed, "and I still can't get over that excitement every year, when you look over the trays of seedlings you planted out and wonder if they are going to come through — and

Gardener's World, the programme which made Hamilton one of the most recognisable gardening presenters, began in 1979, presented from a garden in Barnsdale, Rutland. After three years, it moved to a five-and-a-half acre site a mile away. There Hamilton lived with his second wife. Lynda, in a Victorian farmhouse, and a series of small gardens which formed the Gardener's World

the eldest of twins in what he termed "the better part of Stepney" in London's East End. When he was two, the family moved to the Lea Valley. Hertfordshire, one of the country's main heatinglement. country's main horticultural centres. Even as a child he was interested in plants, working part-time in local nurseries whilst still at grammar school. After national service, he attended Writtle College of Agriculture in

Hamilton worked as a freelance nurseryman and land-scape gardener and it was not until 1970, when he met the editor of Garden News, then the top-selling gardening magazine, when he was buy-ing a plot of land, that he turned to writing. His initial column led to a full-time staff position on the magazine in 1975; a year later, he left to become editor of the monthly

Practical Gardening. Gardener's World became a stalwart of gardening programmes on television. Quietly humorous — he was once voted the wittiest presenter on television - Hamil-ton was essentially an unfaddish gardener, who, though he was never a dogged traditionalist, was not a slave to garden fashions.

More than anything it was his true delight and knowledge of horticulture that he shared with viewers as well as his straightforward manner. Dressed in jeans and jumper or shirt, Hamilton



Nature nurture  $\dots$  Hamilton vever tried to be fashionable in his dress, either preferring the image of a countryman to towns

'I still can't get over that excitement

in his dress, either preferring | he requested that a certidi- | TV; early in his career some-the image of a countryman to | phyllum | paponica | be planted | one had told him to leave the the image of a countryman to townie. He was also a committed socialist and environmentalist, cycling wherever possible. Hamilton worked extremely hard on both his television and journalistic career. As well as Gardener's World, he presented series such as Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens, wrote five columns for various maga zines and worked in his nurs

ery at Barnsdale. He suffered his first hear attack last June and was told by doctors to continue garcling. However, it was while out on a cycle ride that he suffered his second, fatal attack. Although he devoted most of his time to his garden at Barnsdale, he enjoyed choral singing with Lynda. He is sur-vived by her and three sons

from his first marriage. Asked earlier this year how

when you look over the seedlings you planted out and wonder if they are going to come through — and they do' Geoff who first got me in-volved in gardening on tele-

viion. Although he came over

as straightforward, behind the scenes he was a very

complex man. He had an

drivers, diamond millionaire

Woolf "Babe" Barnato and jockey George Duller, had al-ready covered over 1,000 miles

at 101mph when Duller skid-

phyllum Japonica be planted on his grave: "It is a lovely

honey colour and will last about 60 years and then die.

And that's all right," he told

an interviewer.

gardening. He was an enor-mously positive force. Just before he died he was working on a new programme, Geoff Hamilton's Hidden Gardens, a new series about the enormously strong sense of humour and it was a pity that spiritual aspects of gardening. That was something he

designated driver, any record

could not have been officially

registered anyway. He recovered after three

weeks in a private room in the

American Hospital, Paris

("They refused to take a penny piece for their ser-vices," remarked a grateful

When the Bentley company

was taken over by Rolls-Royce

in 1931, Hassan joined Bar-

since 1926 and maintained a

well-equipped garage at Ar-

denrun, Barnato's country house near Lingfield. There,

Hassan developed a special 8-

litre Bentley for Brooklands racing, based on a 4-litre chas-

sis frame, which took the iden-

tity of the 1929-30 6-5 litre Le Mans winner, "Old No 1". It

vices," i Bentley).

Wise. He was the most popu-

lar gardening presenter, people related to him as an ordinary bloke and although

there were jokes about his Blue-Peterish style he was all

ing in television, and achieving success, can go to people's head, not so with Geoff Hamilton. Yet behind easy presentation and straightforward approach was a great deal of

We first met two decades ago, when he was editing Practical Gardening and I was a freelance journalist. As an editor he had no side — and a huge fund of knowledge. Our last partnership was in June for Gardeners' World at the big flower show in Birmingham. It became rather like Morecambe and Wise, we had got to know each other's quirks, and we could swop routines. In the best sense of the word there was an ordinariness about Geoff — and something else he was no-table for — dirty knees.

Geoff Hamilton, gardener and journalist, born August 12, 1936

# On the waterfront

of a heart attack aged 58, was a docker. He could take you into London's lifelines, he knew every wharf and hideaway in the upper and lower pool of the Thames, and he could tell its tales - who owned and built it, whether it specialised in tobacco or lior spices, meat or motor cars.
And, just for good measure,
he could sketch in its secret
history — who worked and was injured there, what their employers did to them in the good-old, bad-old days before the registration of dock labour and how, with wit, hu-

Michael Fenn

Fenn was born and raised in Stepney at the vivacious heart of London's dockland community. Apart from evacuation during the second world war, a spell of national service in the Army, and a round the world trip after he was vindictively sacked from the docks in 1989, he lived his life in the East End. He regarded his locale with an intensity of feeling second only to the love which he

mour and a growing fearlessness, the men got even.

reserved for his family. It was this detailed knowledge that raised the suspi-cions of Fenn and his circle of friends in 1972. It was then that the vast meat and shipping Vestey family conglom-erate was sacking registered dockers on the waterfront Meanwhile, an apparently un-connected facility, Midland Cold Storage, three miles inland, was employing cheaper labour to do what had been

dock work. land, described by Prime Min-ister Edward Heath as "a pa-thetic little firm". Just how reliable the dockers' instincts were was soon established. Midland, it transpired, was owned by the Vestey family through nominee sharehold-ings. The Vesteys said that the failure to make the link

had been "a clerical error" For the crime of secondary picketing the Midland Cold Store five of Fenn's work-mates — the Pentonville Five - were locked away. At this, the National Association of Stevedores and Dockers, the Transport and General Work-ers' Union and the National Ports Shop Stewards Commit-

ICHAEL "Mickey" tee embarked on a battle Fenn, who has died royal to publicise the men's of a heart attack fate and obtain their release. Fenn coined an eloquent, blunt and direct slogan: "Five why aren't you out?

idarity began with a patrio-tism of locale, but it knew no to France, Germany, and Hol-land to meet fellow dockers and took pride in what they had achieved, with facilities as he remarked, which often provided a shaming contrast to those back at home. His internationalism and socialist humanism was expressed in opposition, first to Oswald Mosley and, later, to the National Front.

ments in the London docks struck in support of Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" few people within the docks who, without hesitation, expressed his opposition. A Communist Party member for active in the International Socialists Socalist Workers Party, until he left over a matter of principle.

in all the years of victimisa-tion and defeat after 1979, even after he lost his own job, Fenn, elegantly dressed and with shining shoes, retained the belief that human beings could change the world if only they stuck together. He lived his life fearlessly, with wit, imagination, love, and a withering contempt for those who put money before morality. There was a special way he spoke and wrote the English

anguage. He leaves his wife Denise. and five children. A Bruce Springsteen song echoes Michael's style and captures that crystal spirit which lives on in his family:

Wherever there's somebody fighting for a place to A decent job or a helping

Wherever somebody's struggling to be free Look in their eyes and you'll see me.

1938; died July 28, 1996

Laurie Flynn

Michael (Mickey) Fenn, docker and socialist, born January 11.



Socialist and worker . . . Mickey Fenn with his wife Denise

Letters Janet Wright writes: When I met Jessica Mitford (obituary, July 25) at 8am on the morning after she had flown in from California, she welcomed me as if there was no one she would rather see than a journalist asking questions she must have heard 100 times. At 70, she was one of the funniest and liveliest people I had ever met. Friendly, open and unembittered; no meanness of spirit. lightly it was a shock to realise how much she had lost or given up, and how passionto justice. She was proud of her mixed-race grandson for being a student activist. When I asked about her daughter's marriage to a black radical leader — the father of Jessica's grandchildren — she said quite casually in her cut-glass aristo-cratic voice: "Oh I don't think they ever married. If they did.

Simone Crawley writes: The life story of "Mad Mitch" (obituary: July 24) demon-strates that it is possible to turn swords into ploughshares, to convert armaments factories to agricultural implement workshops. He was a typical Celt. A fearless, reckless exhibitionist in Aden, he organised the underground resistance in Afghanistan and Nicaragua. The Celts are too disobedient and disorganised to win battles, they rely on guerrilla tactics to drive out

she didn't mention it.

Ivor Morgan writes: Len Creed (obituary, July 4) was famous for recruiting Viv Richards to English cricket. But his experience as a book-maker was formidable. Once, I asked him: "So what is the system for winning money on the horses?" His reply should be engraved over the door of every bookie: "There is no system."

### **Walter Hassan**

# The roar of the Jaguar

gifted designers of high-perfornance engines and a vital link in the Jaguar story. In 1920, as a 15-year-old

fresh from Hackney Technical Institute, he was taken on as a mechanic by Bentley, which

country's most | banked Montihery circuit | south of Paris, where it averaged over 95mph without W O Bentley described Has-

san as "very young, very keen and very ambitious". though that ambition nearly cost him had just moved into its first factory by the Weish Harp res-ervoir in north-west London. his life when Bentley returned to Montlhery in 1926 with the single-seater Bentley "Slug" to

ded on the banking. Shaken, he drove into the pit to allow Barnato to take over: but the Babe" had gone off to eat only Hassan was there. ALTER Hassan, on: in 1925, he prepared a Le Who has died aged Mans 3-litre Bentley for a 24-loud attempt, Hassan leapt hour record attempt on the into the driving seat and hashed Monthly circuit drove off, managing only a drove off, manas ending astride a ditch with Hassan apparently dead. "E's cooked 'is goose!" a French by-

third of a lap before the tricky handling of the "Sing" sent the car skidding through the crash barrier. It rolled over. stander (with a remarkable grasp of English idiom) was reported as saying at the His skills were revealed early attempt the first 100mph-plus, scene. The car was a write-off.

crashed over the Brooklands banking in 1932, killing the driver, Clive Dunise, and was rebuilt as a road car. He also created the Barnato-Hassan Bentley racer, whose lap speed of 142.6mph was the second-fastest ever recorded at Brooklands. After Barnato gave up racing in 1936. Hassan briefly worked on the new ERA racing voiturette, then in 1937 joined Thomson & Taylor, of Brooklands, to help develop an advanced land-speed record car designed for John Cobb by Reid Railton.

In September 1938 Hassan was buttonholed in the Brooklands paddock by Bill Heynes, of SS Cars, who needed a chief experimental engineer in Coventry for the company's popular new Jaguar range, then selling at the rate of 5,000 a year. When the second world war halted Jaguar production, Hassan developed aero-engine carburettors at Bristol, but returned to Coventry in 1943 to work on parachutable scout

enicies. More importantly, while fire-watching, he helped Jag-uar chief William Lyons, Heynes and Claude Baily, formulate a new twin, overhead-

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24-hour record. The works | and because Hassan was not a | cam engine for the postwar Jaguar range. With the return of peace, SS became Jaguar Cars, and Hassan brought in an old Brooklands friend, "Lofty" England, as service engineer. England eventually succeeded Sir William Lyons as Jaguar's chief executive. The six-cylinder Jaguar

twin-cam XK engine was un-veiled in the sensational 3.4litre XK120 sports car at the London Motor Show in Octoerto exotic feature of twin overhead camshafts within the reach of ordinary motorists and remained in production for four decades. ASSAN next joined Covenity Climax as

chief engineer, and was instrumental in developing the FW ("feather weight") fire-pump engine into one of the most successful competition units of its day. This was followed by two dedi-cated Grand Prix units, the FPF four-cylinder and the FWMV V8, which, between them, gave Coventry Climax a then-record 96 Formula One victories and four world championships between 1958-66. However, when the For-mula One capacity was doubled to 3-litres for 1966, Coventry Climax withdrew.

The company had been acquired by Jaguar in 1963 and Hassan was made director in charge of Jaguar power units. He recruited Autocar's technical editor. Harry Mundy, as chief development engineer and the two jointly developed a top-of-the-range V12 engine for Jaguar, one of the finest luxury car power units of recent years. It was only after the new engine had been launched in 1972 that Hassan, by then an OBE, chose to retire at the age of 67.

David Burgess-Wise Walter Hassan, engineer, born April 25, 1905; died July 13, 1996 Birthdays

football manager, 66; Barbara Flynn, actress, 48; Bob Geldof, singer and fundraiser, 45; Alison Hayes, lawyer, 28; Field Marshall Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, 61; Sir Bert Millichip, retiring chairman, the Football Association, 82; John Monks, general secretary, TUC, 51; Betty Oliphant, ballet dancer and teacher, 78; Rodney Pattison, yachtsman, 53; Miriam Rothschild, 2001ogist and entomologist, 88; Nicholas Scott MP, former Peter Smith, chairman,

night. Another guy in Devon'

orbit tried a new partying mode, the one man orgy. He rented a stack of porn films, smoked meth, and started masturbating. He lasted an

hour. Then two, three, four hours — loving every minute — until at last he unleashed a

— until at last he unleasted a wad that that practically knocked him off his feet. Only then did he look down and see blood. He had rubbed the skin

off his penis. Next stop; skin grafts. Devon didn't bleed for

meth. A skinny stoner who'd never had a steady girl, he sud-

Neil Armstrong, first man on Coopers and Lybrand, 50; the moon, 66; Billy Bingham, John Spellar, Labour MP, 48: John Spellar, Labour MP, 49; Paul Thompson, co-director, Design Museum, 37; Jimmy Webb, songwriter, 50.

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### Soft soap

THIS page is to be devoted to EastEnders, a drama series from the BBC that might be best described for American nest described for American audiences as a "soap opera" but that it violates three basic qualities of soaps:

1. No one is rich and famous. Okay, so Wilmott-Brown was rich, but he eventually got firebombed out of his estab. firebombed out of his estab-lishment (the Dagmar) and we haven't seen the likes of

trary. Some of the other

women aren't even beautiful!

3. Crisis on par with "Oh, no.

him since. 2. The mothers are not all a year younger than their daughters. Quite the con-

Roll over A VIVID example of the "new musicology", this is an inter-disciplinary study of romantic pianism in relation to gen der and sexuality. It underscores the extent to which the piano resonates with intimations of both hoadvertisement in London Review of Books gives the sexual twister on Kevin Kopel-

son's Beethoven's Kiss: Pia-

nism. Perversion and the Mas-

plane crashed as a result of subotage by my arch-business

Rather, we have things like

women) offering to do Lofty's laundry for him at the local

launderette, but neglecting to separate the colours from the whites, so that she has to try explaining to him why he's

now got pink underwear!

Soap differences found at the

Eastenders website www.nyu.e du!gsas/admin/beads/ee! Thanks to Alex Clay.

rival!" are not the norm.

Ethel cone of those older

my wife and son are stranded itery of Desire, published by in the Alps after their charter Stonford University Press. Thanks to Eric Thompson. Sleepy time

Motorman . . . Hassan on his 90th birthday with fellow designers and veteran cars

THE label of Nytol tablets container (Nytol = an overthe-counter sleep aid) begins: "Nytol Night-Time Sleep Aid"; continues "An aid to the relief of temporary sleep disturbance"; and ends with a "Warning: May cause drowsiness. If affected do not drive or operate machinery." Stating the obvious. Thanks to Val Secretan from Norway.

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Love only works, only heals, only liberates, when it is absolute and unconditional. By offering the very best of ourselves, openly and without psychological defence, we can commit irre-versibly to healing not only all of our relationships, but our own hearts. A love letter to the world, or to someone specific in the world, is simply an opportunity to close accounts and open your heart, to completely make peace with this world, with

or been hurt by, and so on, sometimes in cases where it is not possible to even locate the person, or people, to whom you are writing. In other words, it's a very powerful way of committing to forgiveness, love and compa sion, of letting go and heal-ing. It is one that holds enormous benefits for the writer, and possibly the recipient, and, not insignificantly, great inspiration for many others who may read it. Gather your thoughts together, sit down, and write from the heart. And some ex-amples of the recipients of this unconditional love; the countless people in the world who I may never see face-toface, but about whom I deeply care; everyone, women all over the world; someone who until recently I had considered my enemy; black people etc. There is no charge, All

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San Francisco, and 16-year-old Devon had a new friend. denly became a stud. He could last for hours, easily satisfy-"I had tried LSD. After meth ing two women in a single I even smoked crack a couple night. "The sex is incredible, if of times," he says. "They were nowhere near this, I you have the time." It was as if God had had a half-baked idea were nowhere near this. I mean who needs that stuff when \$40 of meth keeps you going for two days?" It wasn't just drumming that improved. "Sex on meth," he says, "is raised to another level." Meth can trigger extreme sexual performance in both sexes. One woman who'd never had an orgasm sucked the "glass dick"—a of what sex could be, then meth came along and to perfect it. It was Picasso sex, big eyes and body parts blowing apart in a fierce climax. You don't know whether you're coming or nova. This new tal-ent bugged Devon a little — he felt almost robotic in bed but his partners weren't comsucked the "glass dick" — meth pipe — and climaxed with her man 10 times that

plaining and he quickly stopped worrying. Revin Cook reports in Details on the effects of maths, a drug hailed as the new crack in America, last at babel. America, just as lethal, better effects. Described by specialists as the drug that comes close to giving you the maximum pleasure your brain can give.

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Global equality will drive next phase of industrial revolution



Larry Elliott

OR once, the spin doctors are right. Clare Short and Michael Meacher have the best two Ms Short and Mr Meacher probably don't see it this way, and it says much for the introverted, short-termist focus of modern Britain that Overseas Development and Envi-ronmental Protection are seen as places to which you send troublesome colleagues to ensure they don't upset the unions or the commuters on

Network South-east. Yet, as the millennium approaches, it is obvious that the two great and unavoidable economic challenges of the 21st century will be sustaining the global environment and al-

leviating global poverty. that these challenges will be spawned by a world economy that continues to underperform. But this view is based on the experience of the past not the future, when the global economy is at last set

base rates or the trimming of tax rates — themselves examples of the short-term fixation of Westminster life. The fluc-tuations of the business cycle are about to be subsumed into an upswing that may last for

a generation. Looking back across the 200-odd years of modern capital-ism, each phase of industrialisation was driven by one dominant technology — steam power, the railways, electricity, the internal combustion engine. Although the pattern has not been uniform, the world economy has tended to undulate through long cycles of around 50-60 years, with

one technology becoming exhausted and replaced. But the new paradigm does not arrive overnight. There is often a period when the old technology is on its way out but the new has yet to fulfil its potential. The first motor cars, for example, were pro-duced at the end of the 19th century, but to get the most from the technology there was a need for roads, the Fordist method of production and the drift to the suburbs. It is clear that information technology will be the driving

force behind the next wave, and over the next 20 years the full benefits of the computer age will become apparent.
The boom dominated by the
Internet generation will be
bolstered by two other changes: the geographic revo-lution that will bring the huge markets of the former change for the better. communist world into the Forget the little nudges to global economy and the entry

of women into the workforce in ever-increasing numbers. In the past, some of the boom phases of the long cycle lasted longer than others, and one key factor behind the lon-gevity of the upswing is the policy stance. The strength and duration of the post-war boom, for example, was helped by expansionist macro-eco nomic policies, the far-sighted-ness of the Marshall aid programme and a political culture in which narrowing

> was seen as important.
> To make sure the next long cycle lasts as long as the Golden Age, the West will need to rediscover that policy formula. Central banks and fi-nance ministries must recognise that inflation is no longer the enemy it once was, the In-ternational Monetary Fund should show to Russia the generosity the Americans once accorded to western Europe and, above all, resources should be shifted from rich to poor and from north to south.
>
> The need for redistribution

the gulf between rich and poor

mated. A recent paper by the LSE economist Danny Quah, for the Economic Journal, shows that the global econoshows that the global economy is polarising into rich and poor countries. Contrary to traditional analyses, there is no guarantee that the poor countries will gradually consists with table mass.

trend also emerged from the recent United Nations human development report, which found that the total wealth of the world's 358 billionaires exceeds the combined annual incomes of 45 per cent of the world's

people.
The get-out clause for these plutocrats — that trickle-down economics will help the rich as well as the poor — is looking a bit thin. In the mid-six-ties, the poorest 20 per cent of the world's people took 2.3 per cent of global income: today that figure is 1.4 per cent.

Ageing foot soldiers from Thatcherite think tanks pro-

pose resuscitating legislation that would take industrial relations back to 1901 and the

should not be underesti- j action, this trend is likely to accelerate. Those who point to the success of the "tiger" economies of East Asia as examples of nations that have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps conveniently for-get that the policies which underpinned rapid develop-ment — interventionist industrial policies and protectionism — are outlawed by the new economic orthodoxy. Moreover, the sheer cost of the physical infrastructure

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 is likely to widen the gulf between rich and poor.
 The UN recognises that this problem has to be addressed. Richard Jolly, principal ment report noted: "Policymakers are often mesmerised by the quantity of growth. They need to be more con-cerned with its quality and to take timely action to prevent growth that is lopsided and flawed."

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age — terminals, software, fl-

bre-optic networks and so on

does not translate into jobs, that which is not matched by the spread of democracy, that which snuffs out separate cultural identities, that which despoils the environment and growth where most of the enefits are seized by the rich.

This last is what the UN calls ruthless growth. It is what leads to street kids being exterminated like vermin in Latin America and children going without proper education or medical care in sub-Saharan Africa. If it continues unopposed, the famines, the civil wars, the waves of migration and the environmental degradation of the past two decades will be as nothing to what will occur in the first 20 years of the 21st

century. So what should be done? The most basic reform is to provide decent education to every child. In 1960, South Korea and Pakistan had the same per-capita incomes, but Pakistan had primary school

forms of growth - that which | South Korea 94 per cent. | tax would cause it to up sticks Today, South Koren's GDP per head is three times that of lands, one may ask why it has Although such a pro-

gramme would require serious amounts of cash, there are two obvious sources. The first would be a tax on pollution in the West, beginning with a car-borne tax to cut The second would be to press ahead with the idea, floated by James Tobin, of a transactions tax on foreign exchange

OTH ideas have struggled to make headway, not least because the rich and powerful who would be the big losers have mounted a vigorous defence of their privileged posi-tion. But, as Professor Tobin noted in the foreword to a recent book (The Tobin Tax, OUP), most of the opposition is groundless. If the financial meeter is so cost-conscious that

# near-certainty that globsi poverty, insecurity and eco-logical disaster will truncate the upswing for which we have waited so long.

not done so already.

nancial

On any objective basis, the developing world could make better use of 0.25 per cent of

the \$1 trillion a day-plus pass-

ing through the foreign ex-

changes than do western fi-

Providing some form of globa

fiscal mechanism would also

put democratic fetters on free

booting international capital-

Ultimately, the rich West

has a choice. It can make some modest sacrifices that

can insist, as Neville Cham-berlain once said of Czecho-

slovakia, that the developing

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# Party members unite — you have Boycott brigade nothing to lose but their words

### Debate

Mark Seddon

of mirrors. Reacting to a little summer farment from the unusually quiescent Labour left, a party spokesman suggested that an unholy alliance had been got up by the left and the Tories to undermine Tony Blair. The claim defies comprehension, but there are plenty more. One of the most successful op-erations conducted by the right over the past decade has

been the capture of the political lexicon. Perhaps you imagined that your support for progressive causes put you on the radical left. You are mistaken! The word "radical" has long since been appropriated by the right, who have also assumed

he "reformers" mantle. In the United States, liberals are derided by conserva-tives, who regard liberals as conservative and themselves as radical. In Britain those brave enough to still admit to being democratic socialists suffer a double whammy, for they suffer the calumnies heaped upon them by erstwhile soulmates describing themselves as "modernisers". in Labour's hall of mirrors,

being "new" and "radical". Can it really have been only five years ago that the then der of the Labour Party,

their nature monopolies. siveness to consumers, satis-

Which one of these is old and which is new? Who is radical

socialists who want to transform society become "tradi-tionalists", "conservatives" or plain "old Labour", while

sion, but something to be im-proved upon, are described as

Neil Kinnock, wrote this: "The public utilities are by They are also monopolies on which the rest of the economy depends. It is essential that they remain in public ownerthey remain in putilic owner-ship — nationalised, in the original sense of the word, as single units, owned by the nation through elected govnation inrough elected gov-ernment and capable of man-agement in a way that meets national and community needs for efficiency, respon-

Only a few short yearly hops divide this from Kim Howells's recent exhortation in the New Statesman: "Brothers and sisters — em-brace competition!" In the lat-est issue, Howells claims equal influence from Karl Mars and Adam Smith.

and who is blue? The beneficiary of the cap-ture of the lexicon and the political and economic ground that comes with it is the old. reactionary right. It may be that there will shortly be a

those modernisers who do not save now taboo. Never mind sction is advanced by "milibelieve that Thatcherism promulgated a unique regree isation of carmabis, it has be sent" trade unionists. come well nigh impossible to argue for increased taxation of the better off to fund better services for the poor. Instead there is a partial consensus on public spending, taxation, deregulation and control of the trade unions. New Labour

fights on ground identified with the right, which pushes the right even further right. Compulsory arbitration is floated for striking tube drivers, so the Tories take one step further — forbid strikes in the public sector and fine trade unions for engaging in them, even if they have balloted so to do. Labour begins to question the affor-dability of the welfare state, and the Tories respond by factory working conditions and coherent planning"...?

threatening its privatisation. Mrs Thatcher may have imagined that she had slain the "union bogy". Certainly she had a good try. But in recent weeks there has been a flurry of industrial action. often taking the form of a one-day strike. This has been de-scribed as a "new tactic"; the

damages by employers. It is of no matter that one-day strikes have replaced longer stop-pages. It is of little interest that the strike weapon is only ever used in the last resort and by workers who have voted to take it. Such strikes bear no com-parison to the unofficial investment strike waged by the City of London against British industry. And has there been any demand for the pocket-stuffing bosses of the

privatised utilities to submit their claims on monopoly profits to arbitration? The left will eventually have to struggle free from the linguistic straitjacket it finds itself in, if it is to rediscover its sense of purpose.

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Tribune

Indicators WEDNESDAY - US: Fed TODAY - US: Leading indica-

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# targets Indonesia

### Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

OMETHING about the Netherlands and its spin-off entities seems Taff Vale judgment, which allowed unions to be sued for to enrage a certain type of Brit. Centuries ago it was the Dutch proper who excited the ranters. More recently it was their Boer cousins upon whom the wrath of the boycotting classes descended. Now the former Dutch East Indies

are squarely in the frame. Indonesia is shaping up nicely as the South Africa of the 1990s; for the true nostalgic, there is even the British insistence (à la Douglas-Home in 1970) that weapons sold to the regime are for external defence, not internal repression. The vastness, the remote-

ness, the multiple ethnic problems all add up to a glorious re-employment opportunity for the "Barclays shadow board", the embassy pickets and all those who used to stord outside who used to stand outside supermarkets handing out lists of tainted products.

Pop stars and entertainers will cancel gigs in Bali; the Canadians will demand the

quite like old times.

Watch out for those countries with exports similar to the Indonesians'—they will be the loudest members of the sanctions chorus, as the Canadian and the Australians last time. This time, the chaps in Canberra, eyeing the unfriendly giant to the north, are likely to be leading those urging "constructive engagement".

Of course, the boycott-In-donesia industry will be an exercise in displacement or

transferrence or whatever is the trendy term. Just as all the Penguin Specials in the world couldn't alter the fact that it was not South Africa that was threatening to kill 100million Europeheads, so all the women-forpeace and hands-off-East Timor campaigners laid end to end won't make Indonesia the Far East's nu-clear-armed, unstable mass-execution-loving Superpower about to abtinctly un-maternal bulk.

So Jakarta can shrug off the looming assault by the

boycotting classes? Not ex-actly. The boycotters' re-cord may suggest muddle-headedness, sanctimony, even hypocrisy. But they have a killer instinct for the type of regime likely to feel the squeeze and, more importantly, to be forced to give ground. The wat of no Canadians will demand the commonwealth toughen up sanctions; dissident politicians of whom you'd never previously heard will be declared secular saints. Yes, with the aid times

vice sector, the Bank finds | tween sub-sectors with simi-that "other services", includ- | lar markets. Textile compaing health, social services and education — are a brake on output changes. If anything, activity in state-owned bits of the economy could increase as private firms tighten belts.

different sensitivities is the while large firms can raise size of firms. The Bank has funds from internal sources

rate changes with the average are reliant on direct bank fi-

ponse, at minus 1.3 per cent, while leather firms — on av-erage half the size of textile ones — reacted with a decline of minus 2.4 per cent.

The Bank's thesis is that

nance — which reflects move-Here of course, politics rears its ugly head again. Because few politicians are foolish enough to ignore the small business lobby's muscle, the Bank's report gives the Chan-

or capital markets, minnows



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# Voter psychology colours the cost of borrowing

# Briefing

Richard Thomas

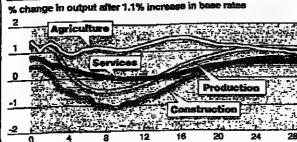
the Chancellor to deliver some feel-good factor is growing With room for tax cuts narrowing, monetary policy is becoming a likely device.

It is instructive that the Bank of England — which on Wednesday is likely to deliver another threat against fur. another threat against fur-ther rate cuts — examines the purely economic effects of changes in base rates in its quarterly bulletin today.

Forget shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of monetary children and the state of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of monetary with the state of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of the effect of the shoppers and swing electors: the Bank has modelled the effect of monetary electors are the effect of the ef policy shifts on different industrial sectors, using data from 1970 to 1994. The article uses a 1.1 percentage point S THE ticking of the rise in official rates as the election clock gets starting point, and it is reasonable to assume the equivalent rate cut would have mirror-image effects.

tors. In construction, the de-cline in output hits 2.1 per cent — against a 1.5 per cent drop in production industries and 1 per cent contraction in

The scale of the response varies markedly across sec-



explain the divergence. The production sector, companies first is links to the housing making building materials market. Construction reacts react similarly.

firm output and "concentration ratio" (the percentage of service sector output.

There are three factors which the authors Joe Ganley and Chris Salmon say could service sector output.

There are three factors dearer money, because the impact of rate changes is owner-occupiers do. In the public sector. In the service sector output.

A second variable shaping enough data to generate robust conclusions — marked output callor another reason to cut rates with abandon.

total output accounted for by the five largest firms). A strong correlation emerges. Within manufacturing the only area with good enough data to generate ro-

The third explanation for

compared reaction to base

# 'Every heroic image was capped by something seedy, cynical and much nearer the bone of real, unpleasant life'



Frank Keating

gregation of hangers-on who piled out of the so, the true heroins of the 1996 Games was not a tweetiepie gymnast, a ruimer, a uniper, a standing-still longfrozen in concentration as she prepared to dely gravity in the stand the world invading the To us lot in the invading rmy which has marched

across Georgia, cursing, the heroine was Mrs Dick Pound wife of Canada's IOC big-rig — who kneed an Atlanta policewomen in the groin last

It goes without saying that the cop was over-officious and over-harassed and over-thetop. Every one of them has een, male or female. They bave not been able to cope. Security was one thing, the traffic horrendously gridlocked another. The army of foreign athletes and media mayhem was another alto-gether. They hated us, and it

stand the world invading their narrow space, seethingly crit-

they had been so proud. But then there was Johnson and Redgrave, and Bailey and Lewis and Morcell and Suleymanoglu, and Pinsent and, I suppose, Black and young Ainslie, and, to be sure, many more of similar and valorous

resplendence. But you could never get away from the day-to-day At-lanta. Why should you hear now of journalists' gripes? We should count ourselves lucky being here, the epicentre of a fortnight's sport and sports-manship, of endeavour and competition and athleticism

itself to break through. At every heroic image, there were just a couple of minutes to savour it before it was capped by something seedy and cynical and much nearer the bone and the knuckle of open-shell shape of a gigantic chip-wrapper for McDonald's french fries. The hamburger real and unpleasant life. Mrs Pound's feet was to do conglomerate was cashing in.

It had begun at the very beginning, this good glow at once being topped by something crass and uncomforting and geared to commerce.

what we had all been daring

ourselves to do.

Take the opening cere-mony. It was a stroke of genius to anibush the world with the surprise appearance of the Olympian and nonparell Muhammad Ali to light the flame of goodness and expectation.

ingly resonant panegyric to flame by pulley to ignite the Olympic bowl on the topmost plinth. Hurrah — till we saw that the bowl was cast in the

I suppose, till these Games were inexplicably given the nod six years ago, the two sentences most closely associated by the rest of the world with this tin-pot jumble of derelict used-car lots cowering below a score of skyscrapers was
"Frankly, my dear, I don't
give a damn . . ." and "I have a
dream . . . " The first from the
1959 Hollywood Civil War epic
Come With The Wind and the

Gone With The Wind and the

slavery and segregation by Martin Luther King. Well, a decade ago the Atlonta businessman Billy

damn.

Payne, who looks and talks like a cross between the for-mer Texas billionaire Bunker Hunt and the Dallas soap opera anti-hero J R Ewing, had a dream all right. Senor Samaranch and his IOC cronies fell for it. And now, the dream fulfilled, the rest of the world decamps back to civilisation this morning with the majority saying, "Atlanta". Frankly, my dear, I don't give

Payne and Atlanta's mayor Bill Campbell remained im-pervious -- "you whining crit-

skeet range," said the latter. Georgia penal authorities had postponed all prison execu-tions for the duration of the Games. But only till today.

A French photographer mate had two days in the slam mer and a five-grand fine for arguing with a cop at the football stadium. I escaped lightly: only two hours of heavy and scary menace in the nick for hailing a down-town tax! where apparently! shouldn't have been hailing one. The police throughout the Games were quite beastly to the heroic, gauntlet-running taxi-drivers, who were trying to make a crust for

Just before I was arrested, a friend had driven me in on the airport road. You could see the jagged skyscrapers, like bad teeth in the mouth of a crone, in the smog-hazed dis-tance. "Ah me," I remarked with a sigh, "the dreaming spires." "What sport are you down to cover tonight?" asked my pal. jumping to the blessed reverie of the theme. "a spot of cricket in the Parks, what?" corner of a foreign field all

right. And on impulse, ogether we recited. Now stands the SWATCH clock at ten-to-three. And are there junk-burger. still for tea? There were. Exorbitant as sual. Inedible as usual.

Chelsea in surreal win with the off-colour

Vialli

LUE was not the colour, but for once that major detail was of minor importance to Chelsea fans yesterday. At the start of the second half, when Gianluca Vialli finally ran out in a Chelsea shirt, it was yellow in hue.

To the thousands of Chelsea fans at the City Ground, however, the Italian could have come out in the nude and still produced the collective moan pleasure they exhaled. For he record, his first touch for Chelsea was an assured short

pass to Dan Petrescu. The sight of Vialli was the high point of a glorious if lightly surreal day for UN ea followers. Pre-season football usually has an artificial feel to it, with teams and tack les often understrength, but after 16 minutes of the Umbro Tournament final the London club found themselves two up

Now Chelses, of course, are in the midst of a remarkable transition, but even bearing that in mind such a scoreline takes a bit of getting used to. The fact that they then maintained it for the remaining 74 creditable. Ajax were missing six significant individuals from their European Cup final defeat against Vialli's Juventus in May but, as footballing wisdom has it, all you can do is beat the opposition.

Ruud Gullit's side did so, and the new manager was a happy man. "I think we pered very well. We did well tactically; it's just the begin-ning." The manager is not so one-eyed as to miss deficien-cies, however, and he pointed out that Ajax had missed a few serious chances.

had seen off Manchester United on Saturday while Chelses put out Nottingham Forest on penalties, was now the principal culprit and he could quite plausibly have had a tirst-half hat-trick. He missed a sitter from six yards saw another effort well blocked by Kharine and then dragged a third shot narrowly

Had he taken the first, said the Ajax coach Louis van Goal, Chelses would have found it more difficult. They two chances and after that it to the new season.

was always going to be hard."
As it was, Chelsea held
their lead comfortably, especially in the first half. The
opener was created by Gullit's other Italian buy Di Matteo, who ran things for a while although he was prone to the odd siapdash pass. The one that picked out Wise in the box did not fit into that category, though; Wise brought it down and poked the ball past Van der Sar.

Di Matteo also supplied the second when his clever con-trol and swift incisive pass picked out the invading Petrescu. It was a typical Chelses wing-back surge and Petrescu sent it first time be-

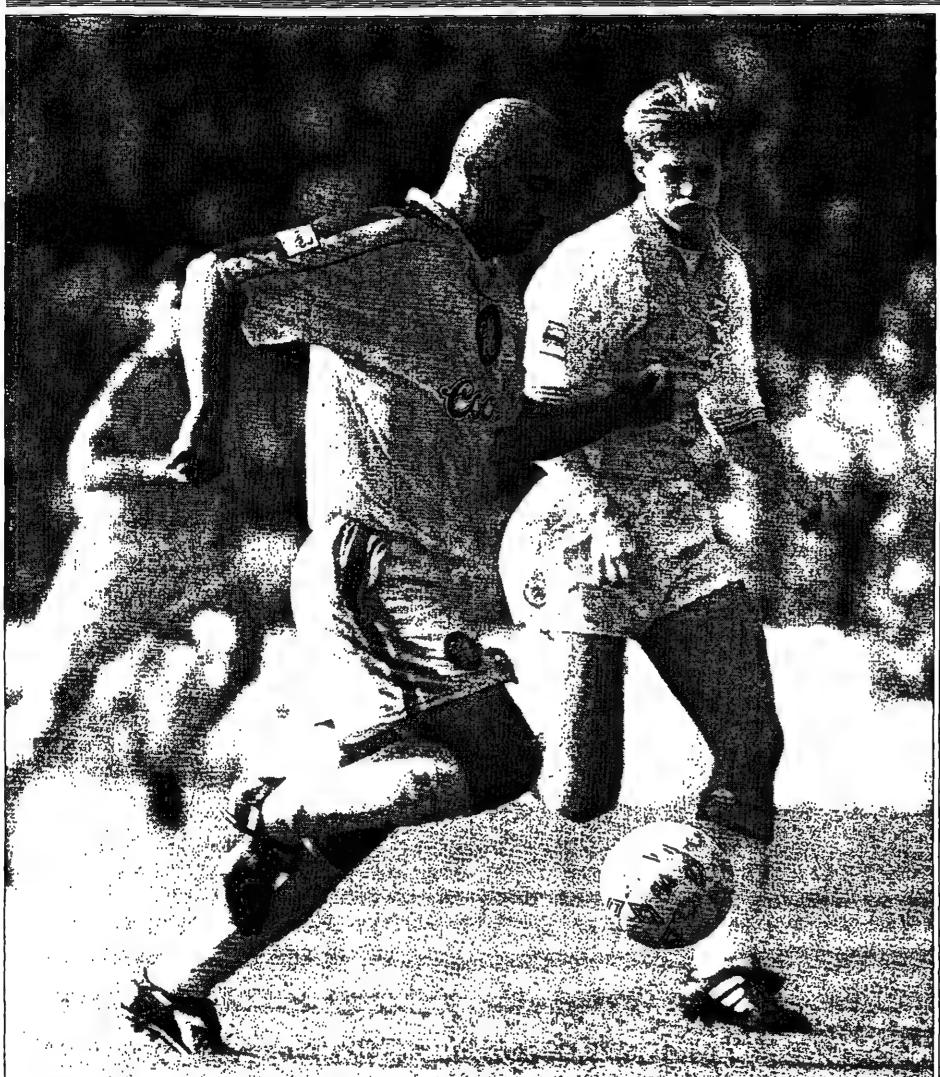
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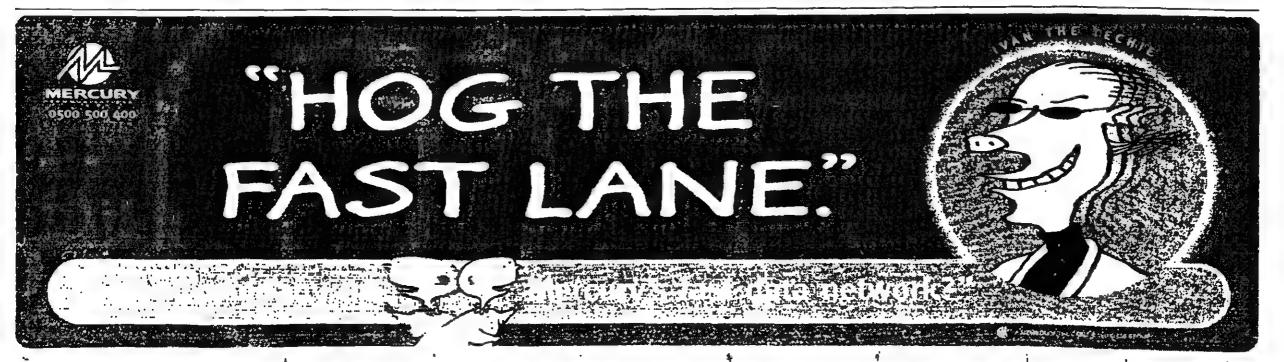
saved. Even with his first silverware on the table. Gullit who will play his first game of the season in Thursday's friendly at Sampdorla, said he and his players would be keeping their feet on the ground. "While these victories are nice, they do not mean anything because it's only pre-season." he said. "I'm not now thinking about buying any more players. My first job is to ask the players to perform the way I want them to, and if they continue as they have done then I will be happy. Of course if they don't do the things I want then I will look again. But at the mo-

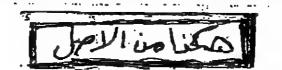
ment I'm happy." Earlier Manchester United had seen off Forest in a tooth-less ancounter for the third and fourth places. It took United 83 minutes before they found a bite and it was David Beckham, "our best player pre-season", according to Alex Ferguson, who finally roused United with a sweet, swerving right-foot drive from 20 yards. Three minutes later Brian McClair side. footed past Mark Crossley after Colin Cooper's deflected clearance fell into the Scot's

In the final minute United made it three when Philip Neville ran on to an instinctive flick from Paul Scholes and calmly lobbed Crossley. That was enough to beat Forest, who had taken an early lead through Kevin Campbell He was later denied a second by the referee, a decision the manager Frank Clark later called "scandalous". Welcome



Taking it in his stride . . . Vialit, a member of Juventus's European Cup winning side in May, again came out on top against Ajax yesterday





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Chris Hawkins.
Andrew Larnach, the conditional rider who had schooled the horse in April and been appalled by the way he jumped, told the Jockey Club of his suspicions after the death of Davis but nothing has been substantiated.

substantiated. "Larnach told us that he had heard the horse had a cracked pelvis but he knew no more," said David Pipe, the Jockey Club director of public affairs.

Mr Sox

claims

denied

by Club

ALLEGATIONS that Mr Sox, the horse from which Richard Davis fell to his death at South-

well last month, had been

running with a cracked pel-vis have been thoroughly investigated by the Jockey Club and found to be with-out foundation, writes

"We spoke to Laura Shally, the trainer, and to vets involved with the stable but there was no evidence anywhere to support Lar-

anywhere to support Larnach's story.

"The allegation was that
Mr Sox had sustained the
injury in April and that
was why he did not run at
Plumpton, but the horse
ran twice after that and
schlered his her placing achieved his best placing when eighth of 17 at Strat-

ford. There is unlikely to be a satisfactory conclusion to this sad affair which is being looked into by a four-man Jockey Club team.

permit-holders, like Shally, and whether they should be allowed to run horses under rules is also being ex-Pipe said: "Permit hold-

on show for the Group One feature race at Munich, where Timarida beat the are licensed. We shall be home-trained Germany. Paul looking into this a bit

# **Duffield** times it to the Second

Chris Hawkins

EORGE Duffield took several leaves out of Lester Pig-gott's book when riding a perfect waiting race on Last Second in Saturday's Nassau Stakes at Goodwood. It was a memorable performance and Duffield, in the final furlong of a career span-

ning 30 years, can seldom have shown better judgment or exhibited such finesse.

Last Second is, according to her trainer Sir Mark Prescott. "a frail little thing who needs plenty of looking after" and Duffield certainly did that, wrapping her up and tucking her away until the last 150

When eased out she quickened brilliantly to win by two lengths and, despite her delicacy, should hardly have known she had been to the races. Last Second will not run for a while, however, and has the Sun Chariot Stakes or

the Champion Stakes as her autumn objective.
Duffield, 49, came from a
Yorkshire mining family and
describes himself, in his early days, as an "aggresssive bad tempered little lad and that's why I made it as a jockey."

As a 15 year-old, standing 4ft 8ins and weighing less than 5st, he declined a life in the stifling pits taking him-self off to Newmarket for fresh air and 19 shillings a week to sign on as an apprentice with Jack Waugh.

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He firmly believes that combative attitude stood him in good stead in the hard school of a racing stable.

"I regard myself as an aggressive rider at my best on a horse that wants taking hold of," said Duffield. "But I can do the kid-glove stuff if it's

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derys and Dettoris may have a length or so on him, but he could be short-changing himself for luck and opportuni-ties are major factors in suc-

cess on the Turf. On paper the 30-runner Stawards' Cup looked the usual lottery, but several experts and plenty of punters latched on to Coastal Bluff, who started 10-1 joint favourite and never gave his sup-porters a moment's anxiety.

As soon as Jimmy Fortune asked him two furlones out he quickened so decisively that the contest was over in that the comest was over in half a dozen strides and Coastal Bluff raced home three lengths clear of Double Bounce to give David Barron, the Thirsk trainer, a second win in the race in three years. Barron had been worried that the ground might be a shade too firm and was in two minds about running him until spurred on by his assistant Val Greaves who accused him of being scared and "putting the horse on a pedestal."

ting the horse on a pedestal." Coastal Bluff, whose sire Standaan won the race just as easily in 1979, will now proba-bly go for the Ayr Gold Cup next month and it will take some drastic measures from

the handicapper to stop him doing the double last achieved by Lochsong.
Stories about the prowess of The West on the home galland any stories about the home galland any stories about the home galland any stories about the home galland any stories are stories. lops ensured that Paul Cole's newcomer started odds-on for his debut in the Richard Baer-lein Stakes, and judging by the way he won there is little

doubt we shall be hearing plenty more of him. Bookmakers gave this big, strong colt a 25-1 quote for the 2,000 Guineas, while going 20about his stable-companion Putra, thought at this stage to

be inferior. Another colt to make an imequired."

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He concedes that the Edket was Bahhare who is now high class animal.

Ripon card with guide to the latest form



Home alone . . . there's only one horse in at as Coastal Bluff sprints clear of 29 rivals to win the Stewards' Cup

12-1 second best behind the 7-1 favourite Zamindar, after a six lengths stroll at Newmarket. Bahhare, a half-brother to last year's star-miler Bahri. ran home as straight as a gun-barrel in the centre of the course and, while probably beating little, looked a pretty

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In Munich yesterday Bran-ston Abby equalled the post-war mare's record of Laurel Queen by winning the 22nd race of her career and David Abell, her owner, was also on target in the feature race at er with Sea Victor. In front of a crowd of over

Southern Power at Goodwood earlier in the week when hattling home from Danjing and Embryonic.

"What a wonderful day and a wonderful double," ex-claimed Abell. "I bought Sea Sunday meeting yesterday, 30,000 for Chester's second

even though the quality on offer at Gosforth Park and the other Sunday card at Ling-Sunday meeting, Sea Victor | Victor for 12,000 guineas out showed he was none the of John Gosden's yard at the worse for his epic tussle with July Sales last year and it's a

tribute to Jimmy Harris that field left plenty to be desired. he has done so well. He will go for the Cesarewitch." But some big names were on show for the Group One Officials at Newcastle were Cole's Montjoy was fourth.

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 Peter Chapple-Hyam came within a whisker of landing his third Group race victory in France within the space of eight days when Camporese was beaten a short-neck by Andrea Fabre's Helen of Spain in the Prix de Pomone at Deauville yesterday. Spout, trained by Roger Charlton, finished third in the Group Two prize which was worth nearly £40,000 to the

Betting: 11-4 Sylven Princess, 3-2 Pairly Sure, Princesse: Lyphuré, 5-1 Princese Parrymity, 6-1 Princ Harold, 6-1 Tatlutch Belle, 12-1 Alagyal. 28-1 Mrs Keen

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# Amokachi strikes first African gold



# **Bold Nigerians** pull off another thrilling escape

### Soccer

Richard Williams

**ERRIBLE** starters but masters of sus-pense, Nigeria be-came the first African team to win the Olympic football tournament by defeating Argentina by 3-2 in another hectic and enthralling match in Sanford Stadium in Athens on Saturday afternoon. In front of 86,117 people,

who filled the University of Georgia's great concrete bowl to capacity, Nigeria went behind to a goal from Argentina halfway through the second minute, or about 10 seconds earlier than they had conceded the first goal to Brazil in the semi-final But, in just the same way, they fought back. And when they fell behind again, they fought back

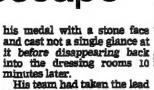
Against Brazil they had equalised at 3-3 with 20 seconds left on the clock and then scored their suddendeath winner in the fourth minute of extra time. In the final the winning goal came with only 90 seconds of nor-mal time remaining. The fact that it was scored with per-haps four of their men offside did nothing to reduce the belief that justice had been

The Nigerians had de-lighted not only the hundreds of their own supporters, gathered in knots around the stadium, but the thousands of American families who had been thrilled by the Africans' speed and sense of adventure. Little sympathy was wasted on the silver medal winners, who had tried to close up the game after going 2-1 ahead and paid the price for their

When Javier Zanetti fouled Emanuel Amunike with two minutes to go, Wilson Oruma took the free-kick just outside the left-hand edge of the pen-alty area. As the ball swung across, five Argentinian de-fenders moved out with perfect synchronisation. Four green-shirted attackers were left exposed, and one of them Amunike, appropriately enough — banged the ball past Pablo Cavallero in Ar-

gentina's goal.

The linesman, Peter Kelly of Trinidad and Tobago, kept his flag down, to South American consternation. The Argentinian players, several of them fluent in Italian through their time in Serie A. clus-



twice and blown it both times. Argentinian defences are usu-ally made of sterner stuff, par-Daniel Passarella, the captain of the 1978 World Cup side, who has cast this team in his own short-back-and-sides image. Yet defeat here will probably not be enough to

shake his grip on the job.

Nigeria will be grateful to
whoever persuaded Joe Bonfrere to return to his coaching duties in May, having resigned in protest against political interference in April But whatever the big Dutchman has taught his players, he has yet to show them how to set an alarm clock. Claudio Lopez caught them cold in the second minute when Hernan Crespo's deep right-wing cross cleared the final Nigerian defender, leaving his fellow striker with time and space to put a firm header inside the post. As they had against Brazil, Nigeria simply buckled down to it. For 25 minutes their then Celestine Bahavaro, the brilliantly agile left-back, popped into a gap between two defenders to meet a long

cross from his captain, Nwankwo Kanu, and place his header past Cavallero. Yet when Collina blew for the start of the second period it was again Argentina who started the stronger. After five minutes Taribo West shoved Ortega inside the area and Crespo, who leaves River Plate to replace Hristo Stolch-kov at Parma this week, scored his sixth Olympic goal from the penalty spot, putting him level with Bebeto of

Brazil as the tournament's bp scorer.

Again Nigeria stuck to their task and when Kanu headed on Babayaro's long throw in the 74th minute. Daniel Amokachi was there to send a looping flick with the outside of his right foot beyond Cavallero. What was still to come will have resostill to come will have resonances far beyond today's official celebrations throughout Nigeria, where the gov-ernment has declared a national holiday.

ARROENTIMA; Cavallero (Veisz Sars-Reid); Zanetti (Internazionale), Sensotta (Parma), Ayata (Napoli), Channat (Lazio); Bassedas (Veisz Sarstiaid), Ortega (River Pissa), Alamayde (River River), Alamayde (River), Alamayde (River),

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Fing-lieutenant . . . Steve Backley, on crutches two months ago, celebrates his silver behind Zelegny, a repeat of the world championships MCHAR STEELE

# **Backley honoured to be Czechmated**

### Javelin

Frank Keating

ten luck is to be a jave-lin thrower in the same era as Jan Zelezuy of the Czech Republic. Last year's top two world championship placings were repeated when the son of a Home Counties policeman had again to be satisfied with silver behind the phenomenally consistent Czech, who became the first man since 1924 successfully to defend an Olympic jave-

In Barcelona four years ago Backley was third behind Zelezny. Now the Czech says be might have a go as a baseball pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. Backley was pleased enough to be the silver-decked bridesmaid, as well he should be, and immedi-

ately gave chivalrous best to the champion with hand-

lin produces a close, almost | javelin throwing down the monastic confraternity. | century. Until Saturday the They travel together, carry-ing their clobber from out post to outpost through the year, and often they train

together. Backley and Zelezny speni many weeks last winter cheek by matey jowl prepar-ing in the South African sun. "No problem at all," says Backley. "It's not like boxing. We're not toe to toe rivals like that and in our event you don't try and outpsych anyone. First and foremost you're performing against yourself."
In the stillness of Satur-

day evening's heavy humidity Backley at once threw his spear into the ring with a mark of 87.44 metres. It was a bold challenge to the others to narrow their eyes and pull out a better. Only Zelezny could, summoning a second throw of 88.16. The thing was done; Backley could not match it. At the very last Seppo Raty of Fin-land had one final ping and his 86.96 secured the bronze. Until Zelezny the Finns have generally dominated

only man to win the event at back-to-back Games was the legendary Jonni Myyra at Antwerp in 1920 and Paris four years later. His distance at Paris was 62m, more than 26m short of Saturday's figure, and since Zelezny has been throwing. of course, specifications have been altered to stop the spear going so far. It was becoming dangerous to be in the same stadium.

Zelezny could now be said to have been one throw away from an Olympic hat-trick for, back in Seoul on a trick for, back in Seoul on a similarly sultry night eight years ago, the young Czech, then 22 and with the same strung chin fuzzed in designer stubble, looked certain of the gold medal before, with the last throw of the convention. the competition, Tapio Korjus, another Finn, relegated him to the silver by six inches.

Zelerny, dark, handsome, fresh-shaved and satisfied after Saturday's event, echoed Korjus when he

against the arc lights in the sky." But he said Atlanta was not a place for long throws. The stadium was too enclosed; they were in too much of a vacuum down there. His own Olympic record (39.66m) and extraor-dinary world record of 98.48 were never in danger.

"I have two ambitions remaining," he said. "To throw the javelin a hundred metres and then to be a pitcher or an outfielder for the Atlanta Braves. If they don't want me, then I will go home and stick with the javelin." He was half-smiling when he said it. But, if he does go home, perhaps David Lloyd should divert the aircraft; English cricket could do with that right arm.
The US record holder

was not joking when he picked up the theme and agreed that his hero Zeleziny would be a whizz on the ballpark. "I've seen him throw a softball 420 feet and there is no doubt

Say, why don't you guys sign up Steve to pitch for cricket? He too would be unbelievable with a ball in

his right hand."
Backley laughed. Two months ago he had been on crutches after an Achilles tendon operation and he was despairing of his race against time. He missed the Olympic trial and made the team only hours before the selectors' deadline. This was only his third competi-tion of the season.

"This has to rate as my best performance ever," he said. "I missed a lot of training with the injury, so I knew I had to get a big throw in the opening round. I did that and I thought it might have thought it might have

# Games declared drug free

qualify them.

"There are a few doubts about the substance," said Jean-Philippe Rochat, secretary-general of the arbitration court. "The panel decided to grant the athletes the benefit of the doubt." The status of Bromantan will be reviewed. Russian Olympic officials had argued that it was not a stimulant and was not officially named on the banned list. (It was added to the IOC list in June, when it was identified as a stimulant.) They said their athletes took the drug to strengthen their immune system against the heat and humidity. They offered to stop use of the drug if the IOC reinstated those banned for using it, including two other Zhivanevskaya and sprinter Marina Trandenkova, and a Lithuanian cyclist.

The Games are thus officially, if provisionally, declared drug-free. These were the only five positive cases. The IOC insisted the drug was a proven stimulant and was added to the banned list in June.

Malcolm Arnold, chief ath-Malcolm Arnold, chief athletics coach, suggested yesterday that Britain may have to employ experienced foreign coaches to develop elite athletes. He believes the sport has reached a "watershed" but could have a bright future with movementing

government to develop their system. The Spanish match The US record holder shaken Zelezny. But it was not loking when he picked up the theme and second that his here Zelezny has not beat."

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"The public want success from our sportsmen an i sportswomen. Taking sport seriously means providing resources and spending sub-stantial amounts of money. Old attitudes which used to provide British success are now outmoded."

Arnold wants National Lottery money, more indoor fa-cilities to replace "the hotch-potch of inadequate areas", and a new look at coaching the cream. "So few people in Britain have an understand-ing of the development of allie ing of the development of elits athletes," he said. "Those who have should be placed in a strong position of influence.
We may have to employ experienced foreign coaches."
Cuba began their gold

strike in the boxing ring when two of their seven finalists successfully defended their titles. The middleweight Ariel Hernandez beat Turkey's Malik Beyleroglu 11-3 and Felix Savon almost. recorded a shut-out against Canada's David Deflagbon, winning 20-2 in the heavy-weight division.

# Agassi's five-star show heals the stripes

### Tennis

Richard Jago

Aformed a great Ameri-can tribal healing cere-mony on Saturday. He also played some great tennis to overwhelm Sergi Bruguera 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 and take the gold medal he had said long ago was his ambition. But it was the way he handled the out-come which was important: the icon made Americans feel that, despite everything that had gone wrong, all was well with the Games.

then began to play really well, often dictating the pace of the ground exchanges as well as producing those spectacular counter-attacks which are his trademark Business folded. counter-anacts which are his trademark, Bruguers folded. Agasti was soon able to take liberties, delivering an unchar-acteristically high number of service winners and aces, and well before the end the final had turned into a humiliation. But this was an occasion not

but for ritual glitz and thera-peutic togetherness, for the all-American show.

Agassi bowed low, blew

kisses, touched his forelock and closed his eyes during the

father—an Olympic boxer for Iran in the Fifties—was pres-ent, and ran to hug him. He got angry with the man who asked why he had not played Davis Cup recently.

Corny as it looked and sounded, he appeared genuine. He did so because he played with passion and then talked with critical sincerity. "If players can't come here and give everything to win a medal for their country, then I think they are missing out on something. Yes, the attitude of

dently that he allowed Agassi greatest moment of his career. If st Olympic men's singles to play well. When Agassi He talked up the importance tennis title since 1924. But it him the next service game and then began to play really well. of tennis at the Olympics. He had not been, as some sugpasted, a foregone conclusion.
Agassi had had to strain
every sinew to survive said he was surprised his against Wayne Ferreira, and even the final might have been different had Agassi not exuded commitment from every sweating pore, with

every scuttling return.
"It's that which makes an opponent feel after 25 minutes he wants to get off the court," said Agassi; and that appear to happen to Bruguera. He had a few brief moments; he broke back for 2-2 in the fourth game of the second set when it seemed he might rescue some-thing. But then a casual-lookmy fellow professionals does disappoint me," he said. Bruguera started so diffi- anthem. He said it was the It was the United States' ing double fault and an inhib-

the demolition.

He knotted his forehead, buried his face in his towel and at the end did the only thing he could: utter a few gracious words to join in the general praise for the Great All-American Winner. After all that's what the occasion All American winner. After all, that's what the occasion was intended to be all along.

India's Leander Paes, the Wimbledon junior champion in 1990, took the bronze medal to match that of his father Vece on the hockey field at the Munich Olympics. He coline Munical Olympics. rie col-lected India's first Olympic medal of any kind since 1980 by beating the Brazilian Fer-nando Meligeni 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

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# Thugwane makes the breakthrough

# **First** for the rainbow nation

### Marathon Stephen Bierley

T THE end the rainbow nation finally found its pot of gold. Josia Thugwane, never appearing to be stretching himself much above a Sunday morning jog, claimed black South Africa's first Olympic track-and-field gold medal yesterday morning. Many more will surely follow.

been keen on using sporting excellence to further the deweek Hezekiel Sepeng won a silver medal in the men's 800m; Thugwane's victory was

He might not have be thinking in a crisis. In March he was shot in the face — luckily the bullet only grazed his chin — when his car was hijacked. More serious in running terms was the back injury he sustained when he eapt out of the moving car to

make his escape.
"Three or four men got in my car and made me drive away," he recalled. "They told me to hand over the keys but I refused and there was a bit of a scuffle. They produced a gun and there was shooting. I jumped out of the car and that's how it ended." For Britain Richard Nerur-

kar finished fifth, a run which confirmed both his ability at this top level of marathon running but also his shortcoming. namely the lack of a true change of pace in the closing

The temperature at the start was already hotter than for the close of the woman's race; the humidity was a drenching 95 per cent. The race was never going to be super-fast, and without a pacemaker, the common currency of commer-cial marathons, the first half saw a huge bunch of more than 50 runners gathered in a

edgy swarm.
A couple of Poles, Lessek
Beblo and Grzegorz Gajdus,
made an early show of solidarity and at nine miles the Mexican German Silva sprinted to the front and attempted, with a cursory wave, to get every-body running a little more quickly. Nobody responded. Nerves were clearly playing a significant role; no one runner wanted to make the break,

everybody feared it.
Just after halfway the green shirts and shorts of three South Africans moved to the front, although there was no great shift of gear. Thugwane, his right hand flicking in a littie loop, was one of this trio, and they were joined by

Korea's Lee Bong-ju.
This break was eventually consumed with ease but the main bunch had now been reduced from 50 to just over 20. Nerurkar, running on the extreme left of the pack and out of trouble, continued to ap-

peur comfortable. At around 19 miles Thugwane made his opening gambit; Lee followed, with Silva and the world champion Martin Fiz, of Spain, chasing.

The gap grew before Kenya's Erick Wainaina, who like Douglas Wakiihuri before him trains in Japan, emerged swiftly from the chasers. Kenya, for all its great dis-tance-running record, has never won the Olympic marathon: South Africa took gold in 1912 through Kenneth Me



Hard road to success . . . Thugwane (No. 2122), Wainnina (1819) and Lee Bong-ju, who took the marathon medals ROBERTO BOREA

Lee appeared done for with five miles left but, with a tremendous effort of will, he managed to catch Thugwane and Weinging The change of County Antrim.

Arthur, who was born in cho's win in Barcelona became more than a possibility. The three tested one another with a series of mini surges

nificant advantage, then Lee if any had considered him an nipped past Wainaina at the Olympic gold prospect, but stadium entrance. There was this, is the joy of such races

five miles left but, with a tremendous effort of will, he managed to catch Thugwane and Wainaina. The chance of him emulating Hwang Young station Thugwane took a significant took a sig

# Stirring silvers glint amid calls for a lot more brass

# **Athletics**

away. Steve Backley and the British quartet of Iwan Thomas, Jaime Baulch, Mark Richardson and Roger Black ensured that British supporters in the Olympic Stadium, and those

Black's earlier individual silver, and the absence of Michael Johnson, had encour-

proved a little too strong. So the final medal tally for was six: four silver and two bronze. It was, you might say, satisfactory. Malcolm Arnold, Britain's chief coach, deemed it "better than the public and media expected". The media were always cautious; the public's expectations were futhumping, encouraged by the need to capture a new televi-sion contract. There was talk of a golden Saturday (Edwards) and a golden Monday (Holmes and Jackson). There were even those within the

understandable plea for more money — much more money be made available via

# Stephen Bierley

watching from afar, had a good deal more to shout about on the final Saturday.

aged hope of a last-gasp gold for the 4 x 400m relay team, but the United States still

federation, largely on the marketing side, who seriously supposed Limford Christie would repeat his Barcelona triumph.

"A new order is developing."

Gothenburg, when Britain's within the BAF. There is a medal tally was one fewer but siege mentality emanating wards's triple-jump gold. In 1995, Lottery funding

was restricted to capital expenditure; now it may be used to pay for individual training and coaching. The federation has made its plen for such revenue funding.

"Time is of the essence," said Arnold. "If investment is not made quickly then we shall be another two years down the road to Sydney 2000. The federation's annual bud get for coaching and develop-ment is equivalent to the amount a Second Division football manager might spend on a third-rate striker."

Such appeals, however jus-tified, would ring with considerably more clarity, and be taken much more seriously, if the federation had managed its current dwindling resources in such a way as to build confidence at public and

governmental levels.

Arnold stressed that "so few people in Britain have an understanding of the develop ment of elite athletes". Yet he knows well enough that the most solely on the £1.8 million contract with ITV, which expires this year, has been channelled almost entirely towards the current elite. As a consequence the grassroots are underfunded and disillusioned. The federation remains an

unwieldy, ridiculously overstaffed body in need of drastic pruning. A concerted effort has been made this year to said Arnold before leaving for shore up the cracks and preshome. "The future for Britain ent a homogeneous front. Yet tions." These concern funding, with Arnold making an understandable pleases and for this Peter Radford, the executive chairman.

This is not to say that Radford's opinions and visions

siege mentality emanating from its Birmingham HQ. hence Arnold's latest fatuous references to the media.

athletes and their support staff that one day our media the days before important competitions begin. We felt very badly let down, even undermined, by certain secfellow countrymen." twaddle. And all the more crassly timed because the pre-

Olympic story of drug abuse skin was on BBC's Panorama, and the Corporation is currently being assiduously

By far the most positive aspect of this Olympic year has been the increasing dialogue federation, encouraged by Radford and led by Black and Geoff Parsons.

It is to be hoped that Black will continue to be as forceful athletes may not be as high profile as those in the imme-diate past, but they are far more aware of their responsibilities to the sport, and the need not to sell it short.

Christie has been a sprint-ing colossus whose departure, whether this year or next, will leave a gaping hole. His influence as team captain will not be missed, however. The sport really has no room for media chips on shoulders, and this includes Arnold.

For Black, Edwards, Back-ley, Denise Lewis and Steve Smith, their names are forever etched in Olympic his-tory; the delight of both Lewis and Smith in particular was wonderful to behold. Money. the National Lottery; a plea are flawed; rather that there wonderful to behold. Money, he also made after last year's is a general and painful lack thank goodness, is not world Championships in of communication from everything.

# No joy for Boardman as Indurain is invincible again

# Cycling

### William Fotheringham

OUR years on, it is all so different. When Chris Boardman took gold in the track pursuit in Barce-lona in 1992, it was a precisely won victory over a small group of specialists who oper-ated in a field somewhat removed from the main-stream events such as the classics and Tour de France.

On Saturday, when he took bronze in the road time-trial, Olympics, he finished just behind the Spaniards Miguel Indurain, the man who has dominated the Tour for five of the past six years, and Abra-ham Olano, the current world road race champion.

Although the Briton said

"1992 was better, because I won", he was quick to under-line the extent to which he has progressed. "These are the best cyclists in the world. When I rode the pursuit I rode against the best guys in

Just to emphasise the point, Boardman caught and passed Bjarne Riis who, two weeks Tour. Though admitting that still great to give him a

kicking."
A professional career has its price, however, and the fact is that if Boardman had been able to devote the same amount of time to preparing for the time-trial as he did to the pursuit four years ago, gold might well have been the result. Instead, Saturday's was just one of 90 or so races was just one of 90 or so races he will ride this year, and there was no special training, no real acclimatisation to the heat and humidity. "It was simply a question of recover-ing from the Tour de France and getting to the start as fresh as I could."

As a result there was no joy in this medal. Max Sciandri was a happy man after taking bronze in the men's road race on Wednesday after he had shaped the race for half the distance; Boardman was merely "content" after being forced to compromise, something he finds utterly frustrating "The difference between

now and Barcelona is that that discipline, but it is a very narrow field. Today you can see the very best riders in what I think is the toughest sport in the world."

I started knowing that the next 4%: minutes could completely change the course of my life. he said. "There was none of that unpleasant pressure on Saturday."

Underlining the change in Boardman's status, the man

the Dane could not have been at his best after two weeks celebrating his and his country's first Tour victory.

Boardman said gleefully: "It's Frenchman, Roger Legeay, CAN manager of Boardman's GAN professional team.

Four years ago Legeay was still trying to make sense of the declining career of Ameri-ca's triple Tour winner Greg LeMond and probably knew nothing of Boardman until he read the results from Barcelona.

Typically, Boardman is already looking four years ahead, beyond the tests for the hour record which he will undergo in the next two weeks, beyond his try for a world pursuit title at Manchester at the end of this month, and beyond the world road championships in October. "Sydney will probably be my last Olympics, and there will be no compromise. If I get bronze there it will sim-ply be because that is how good I am."

• There was no golden farewell for the Indurain of women's cycling, Jeannie Longo-Ciprelli, France had a second gold to her 10 world titles, but no one had allowed for an unknown Russian, Zulfla Zabirova

However, in Longo's road race win the previous week-end France won their first Olympic cycling gold medal for 24 years, and they finished with the sport's biggest medal haul: four golds, three silvers who yelled encouragement at and a bronze, with Italy on the Wirral rider from the four golds the next best.

Football Vialli adds gloss for Chelsea

**Olympics** First gold for a black South African 15

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Relaying the good news . . . Britain's 4 x 400 metres relay team — from left Jamle Baulch, Iwan Thomas, Mark Richardson and Roger Black — celebrate their silver medal at the Olympic Stadium

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# America plunges into the depths of its inner self

Richard Williams

where. Tears of rage. tears of joy. Rivers of tears. A Games full of tears. These were the

Tears from winners like Michael Johnson, trickling in a thick rope down one cheek as the Star-Spangled Banner played and Old Glory climbed the stadium flagpole after his 400 metres victory. Winners like the heavyweight wrestler Kurt Angle, his face crum-pling as he fingered his gold medal, thinking of his mom and a murdered team-mate.

Tears from losers like Ato Boldon, weeping with frustra-tion at the disruption caused by Linford Christie's second false start, or like Mike Powell as he lay crumpled in the long jump pit, the muscles to the left side of his groin on

team gold two nights earlier, and from bruisers like the middleweight Roshii Wells, an-

Tears from the famous; tears, too, from the unknown. From the mourners at the funeral of Alice Hawthorne, a 44-year-old black businesswoman killed in Centennial Olympic Park by shrapnel from the Friday night pipe-bomb. From Regina Borden, a citizen of Atlanta who

later, looked around at the throng and told reporters:
"We need each other."
The weeping started at the top, with the President of the United States, whose eyes moistened as Muhammad Ali tremblingly lit the Olympic cauldron at the climax of the opening ceremony. Whatever else these Games were — and not even the president of the

mittee, Juan Antonio



The Games

the teenage gymnast Dominique Dawes, unable to reconcile failure in the individual event with the ecstasy of a property Williams.

Samaranch, could bring himmembers of the IOC threw up plenty Lee Lewis appeared at their hands in horror. This, an old Baptist church concile failure in the individual event with the ecstasy of a property with the ecstasy of a pro tainly claim new records in emotional incontinence.

This was America. This was other in the line of US boxers dismantled by Cuban experts. not just about winning or los-ing, but about getting in touch with your inner self as you did so. And then showing that inner self to the world, or at least your fellow Americans, via the cameras of the NBC network, single-minded in its desire to keep its viewers switched on by "feminising" the Games through pursuing attended the ceremony to hind the American successes reopen the Park four days By the end, the cameras were By the end, the cameras were expecting tears. Once or twice you could see athletes straining to provide them. Those few who failed to cry seemed

> All of this outpouring was a gargantuan manifestation of America's obsession with reconciliation and closure This is going to be a catalyst for the world uniting together." said Jordan Pilzer, 37, of Atlanta, one of 250,000 ordinary folk who reclaimed the park on Wednesday. You couldn't blame him. He was only repeating what Samaranch and Billy Payne were telling him.

to be missing the point of the

If we are somehow con-vinced that "Olympism" has the power to broker truces be tween centuries-old enemies if we are persuaded into an unquestioning admiration of the gift of a few hundred thou-sand dollars from a Swiss bank account to rebuild a football stadium in Sarajevo, then we can be made to over look what is really going on the indulgence of human vanity on a truly Olympian scale. Atlanta's emotional inconti nence was matched only by ts commercial incontinence When they caught sight of the hectic bazaar of pin-traders and T-shirt hawkers sur-

must never happen again. Future bidders will be forced to promise not to allow such unsightly scenes to blemish

What hypocrisy. Things were far more repellent in-side the compound, where the IOC's Olympic "partners", to use the ghastly genteel ter-minology of this business, had set out their stalls. Here was the true Olympic spirit, and the motive behind it all. The real sport at the Games of the 26th Olympiad was not running or jumping or throw-ing, but shopping. The ath-letes were there not merely to compete but to pitch on behalf

of their sponsors. that this has not been so for most of the century, certainly since the 1920s, when the American soft-drinks manufacturer Robert C Woodruff and the German shoemaker Adi Dassler separately per-ceived the potential benefits of associating their products with the world of sport. Coca-Cola and Adidas are still

there today.

But it took Billy Payne's people to make the connection so blatantly that we could not avoid it.

Baron de Coubertin's origi-nal blueprint for the Games featured a Cultural Olympiad, and Atlanta did its best to and Atlanta did its best to comply. An exhibition at the beautiful High Museum of Art brought together 120-odd mas-terpieces from all over the place — Rodin's The Kiss and a Neolithic figurine from Romania, a Georgia O'Keeffe flower and a 2,000-year-old sun-mask from Ecuador — to reflect the variousness of

Illuminating the richness of anescent emotions. It bears rounding the Centennial Southern vernacular culture. witness to reality. Tolympic Park, the more staid. Al. Green, Bob Dylan and seep into its stones.

of a new chain of restaurants created by the inventor of the Hard Rock Cafes, who has now found a way of franchis-ing the music of freed slaves.

There it was again, the spirit of these Games. Freedom through victory, or possibly vice versa. Everybody was in on the act. Over the entrance of the L Ron Hubbard Founda tion offices on West Peachtres hung a banner: "Dianetics wel comes the world. Free the winner in you!"

Stop carping, Billy Payne told reporters who criticised the dreadful organisation and tawdry ambience of his Games. Just look out there. Look at all these people hav-By night, the streets below

Payne's offices turned into a cross between New Orleans a Mardi Gras time and the Munich beer festival. In the beer tent opposite the House of Blues, mooning became a new demonstration sport. At day break the action moved to the intersection of Peachtree Street and International Bou-levard. Touts and buskers jostled with trinket-sellers and a family of Jesus people from

Oregon.
Yet in the stadiums the crowds were marvellous. Almost 80,000 turned up for the That night another 80,000 That night another 80,000 turned up. Patient with the queueing and the portable lavatories, enthusiastic about everything they saw, they kept on coming to a stadium that looked what it was: a temporary facility designed to be retrofited as a ballarie. be retrofitted as a ballpark.
America's willingness to

tear down and build afresh is one of its most admirable There was music, much of it | those great deeds, all those ev-

# **Anne outsails prince**

**Bob Fisher at Cowes** 

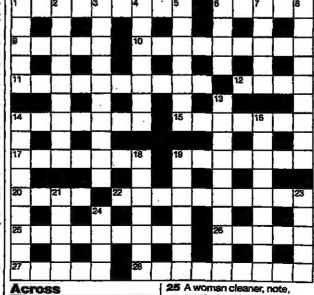
RINCE PHILIP was shown up by another of his children yesterday, but for once he could smile about it afterwards.

eaten by the Princess Royal. Donald and Sally Kennedy's Arbitration, with Princess Anne and her husband Lieutenant Commmander Tim Laurence on board, finished The Prince, with Yeoman second, 45 seconds ahead of absent and only four XXVIII, finished fourth in the David Aisher's pale-green completed their races.

first race of the Sigma 38 series here yesterday but was The competitors in the 854 yachts at Cowes Week enjoyed a magnificent day's rac-ing in 12 to 16 knots of wind and bright sunshine, in marked contrast to Saturday, when the breeze was almost

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### Across

- 1 A police officer will show a number over the horses'
- accommodation (9) 6 A model's vexed question (5)
- 9 The person exhibiting a 10 Cracking journalistal (9)
- 11 Given aid, created trouble and got out (10)
- 12 Clobber to get together (4)
- 14 Cash organisation in one's later years (7) 15 Transport for duck requiring
- no stuffing (7) 17 Gun turned on a rebel leader as ordered (7) 19 Made to agree without
- reservation (7) 20 Dispossess some impecunious tenents (4)

22 Unfortunate drillers at rig (3-7)

- must encompass a good
- 26 Taste a port in Tanzania (5)
- 27 Employ an unknown character to cut tree back (5)
- 28 Rides on it could be to cause confusion (9) Down
- 1 About to assess the value of the box (5)
- 2 Telling Iran grant has been negotiated (9)
- 3 The board accepts injured miner may be finished (10)
- 4 Assault responsible for much ill-feeling among lawyers? (7)
- 5 No longer 10, that's clear (7) 6 Some break (4)
- 7 A giri will get a hardback (5)

fruit (9)

English Dictionary are Brian Drummond of Carryduff, Belfast, Llam O'Briain of Prestwich, Manchester, Bizabeth Craig of Blyth, North-umberland, Mr. R. Harvie of Carstains Junction, Lanark, and John Curtis of

- 13 A businessman's swindle over agricultural machinery
- 14 Panel showing caution about contact (9)
- 16 Allowance to cut without
- 18 Treadle replac connected (7)
- 19 The examiners are upset and almost curt (7)
- 21 A bit of fish for the table (5)
- 23 Gave everybody a hand (5) 24 it's not very exciting but it's

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